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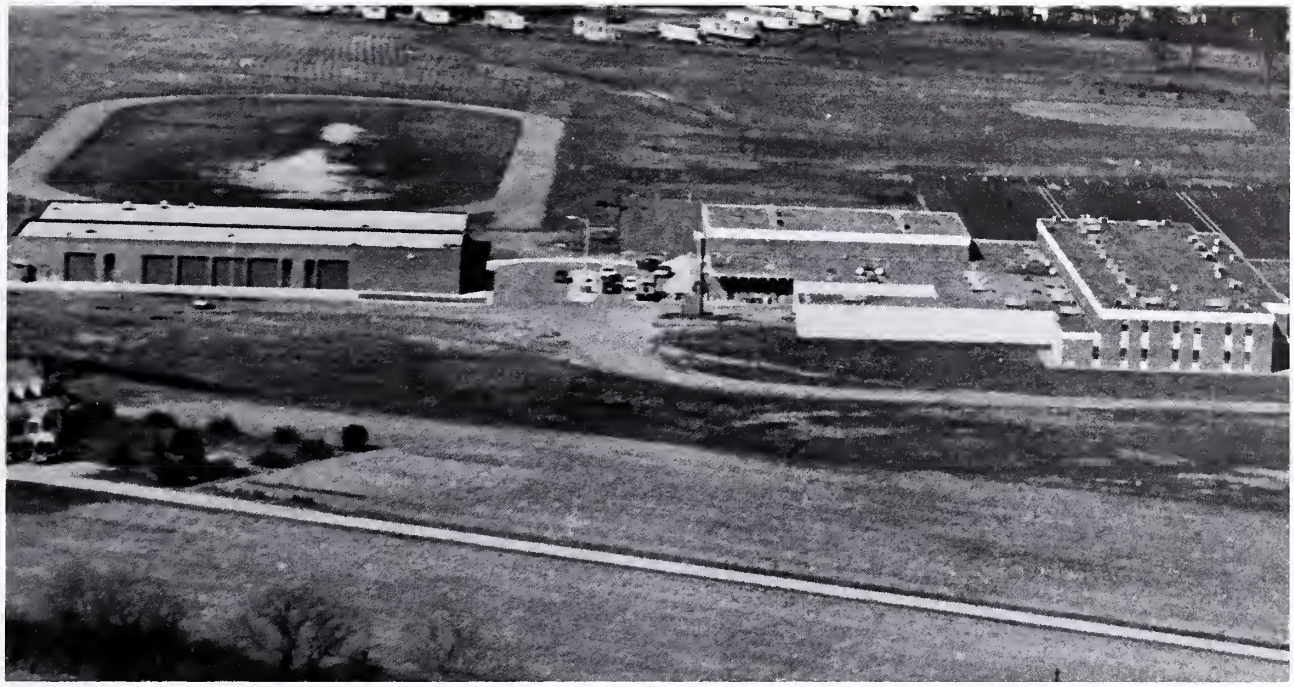

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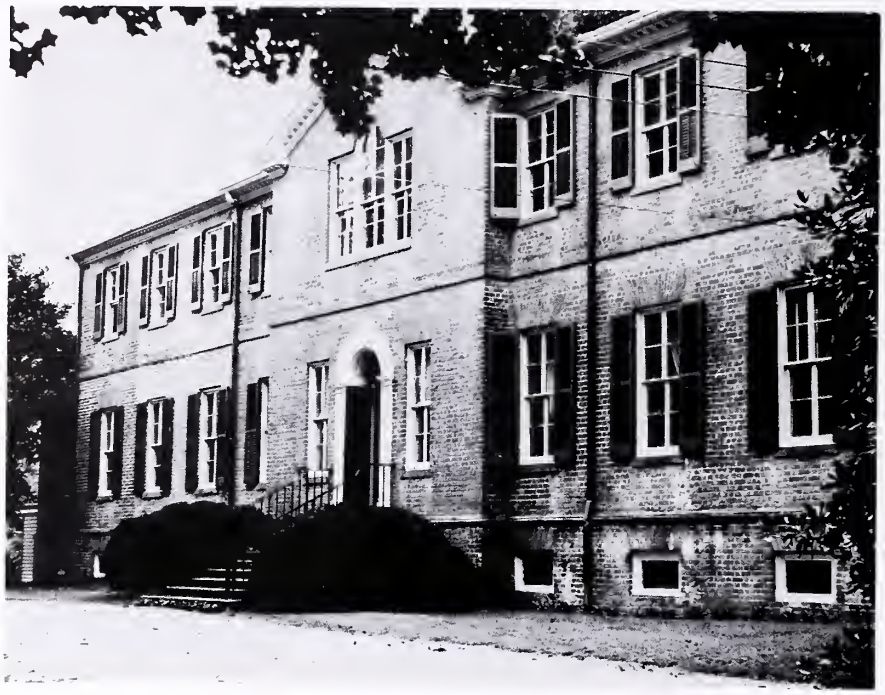

Elmwood, built in 1774

Brooke's Bank, built in 1731

After the abolition of slavery there were two groups of people with separate schools.

In this Bicentennial year the students at Essex High are proud of the fact that these two groups were once divided and are now working together and sharing ideas . . .

Working together

United we stand

. . . Once separated; now united to build a better country and a better community.

The
Old
Country

ESSEX
HIGH SCHOOL
TAPPAHANNOCK VIRGINIA

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IN DEDICATION

In tribute to an exemplary teacher, the Odyssey Staff of 1975-1976, dedicates this year's annual to Mrs. Luretha Harris. A teacher in the true sense of the word, she has guided innumerable students through the paths of literature, which are parallel to those of life. Giving us our future trades, the tools which lie in the machanics of our language, she has prepared many different kinds of people for many different walks of life, and prepared us to walk together.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration

G. Newton DeShazo
Principal

William B. Gresham
Assistant Principal

George E. Johnson
Assistant Principal

James H. Cary
Assistant Superintendent

Walter A. Harrow
Superintendent

Howard E. Wainwright
Assistant Superintendent

Elizabeth Kickler

Joyce Johnson

Clerical Staff

Debra Clarke

Charlotte Culpeper

TEACHERS' AIDES

Mrs. Bates

Doris Samuels

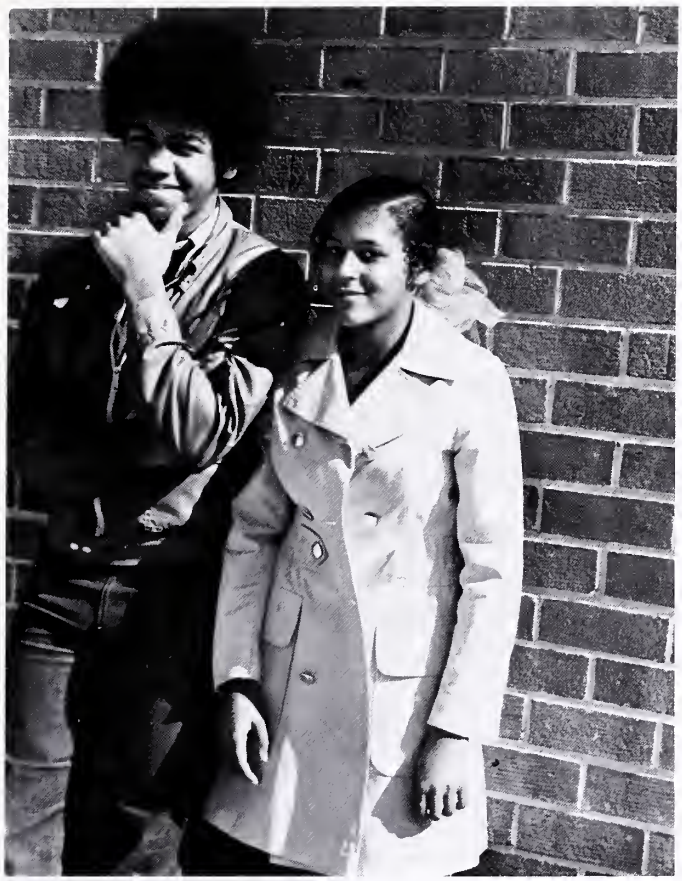
Mary Raduenz

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

Howard White

PSYCHOLOGIST

Frank Rixey



STUDENT LIFE

HOMECOMING QUEENS

Paige Mundie

Bertina Harris

Homecoming '75-'76 was the most exciting display of spirit seen at Essex. The week began with selling links to the spirit chain and purple and gold day. Fifties day was a tremendous success with members of the student body and faculty dressing in the styles of the fifties. This was an amusing first at EHS. The cheerleaders with the help of the FFA and community leaders, sponsored a bonfire Thursday night, which promoted school spirit for the up coming game. Friday saw Essex High School in a chaos as students worked on their floats and prepared for the pep rally. Friday afternoon the cheerleaders announced a tie in spirit between the Juniors and Seniors. There were more than 15 floats entered in the parade. The Art Class took first place followed by the Sophomores in second. Honorable Mention went to the NHS and the Newspaper.

The weather proved to be perfect for the game between the Essex Trojans and the W & L Eagles. The Trojans were able to pull off the first homecoming victory for the Trojans with a scene of 8 to 6. During the half time activities Paige Mundie and Bertina Harris were crowned Homecoming Queens.

The Junior girls won the powder puff football game by forfeit.

The mood was set for the Homecoming Dance which was held in the cafeteria. Hobbitten Bridge from Richmond provided the music for the Dance. All in All Homecoming at Essex was a tremendous success.

John Eaton crowns Paige

Keith Cooke embraces Bertina

HOMECOMING

ACTIVITIES

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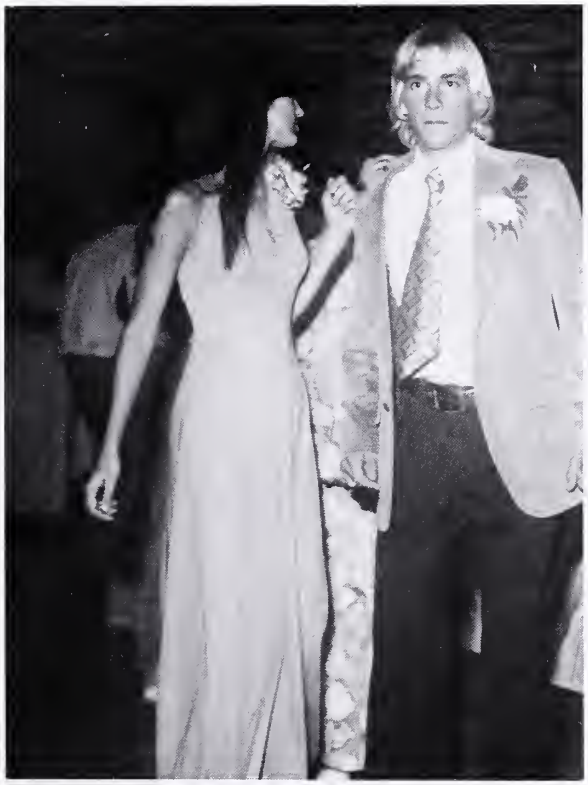
THE 50's COME ALIVE AT ESSEX



BOOGIE

HOMECOMING PARADE

Lindsay Booher and Terry Fauntleroy get into school spirit

In Public?

SEXY

You'll get your reward later, Honey.

PLAYING

WORKING

TOGETHER

And this is before the game

Where is them reindeer?

"Should I do it?"

SPORTS PREVIEWS

President, Robert Pratt

Vice President, Jill Connellee

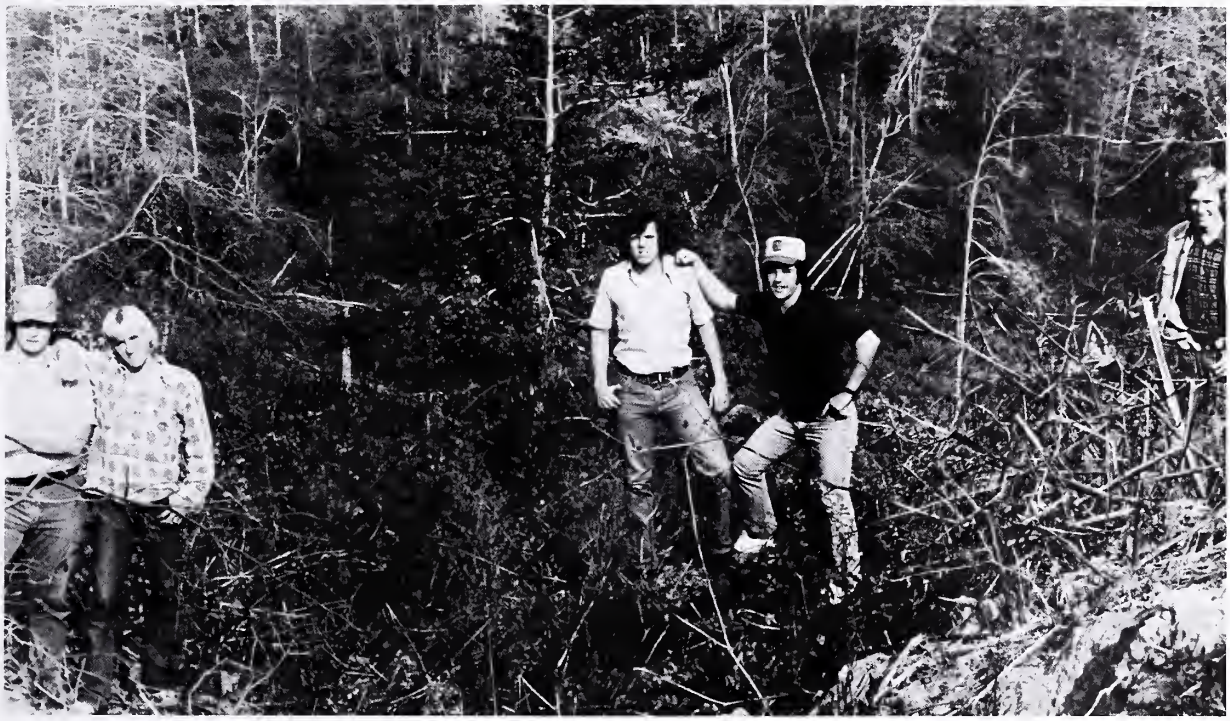
Secretary, Bertina Harris

SENIOR CASUALS

Treasurer, Terry Bryant

Robert Pratt

Linda Swinson



Kevin Lankford, Brad Norton, Lindsey Booher, Jimmy Harmon, Johnny Lanier

Patricia Allen

Andy Brooks

Mary Alyce Sill, Dick Bergquist, Patty Howard

Diana Carneal

Terri Reinhardt, Marilyn Young

Paige Mundie, Joanne Doane

Robert Jones, Jill Connellee

Andrea Johnson

Alphonzo Smith, John Eaton, Steve Johnson

Donna Sylva

Tommy Wyatt

Edward Hayes

Linda Corbin, Diane Clarke

Keith Cooke

Chris Harrison

Sharon Smith, Geraldine Rollins, Darlene Byrd

Eddie Kyte

Joyce Pratt

Franklin Johnson

Valerie Wells, Juanita Bundy, Diane Braxton

Katherine Hayes, Teresa Corbin

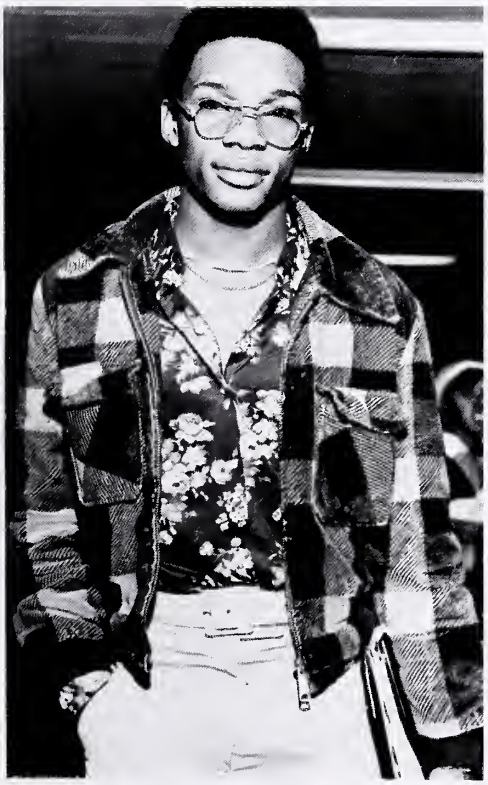
Janice Hayes, Tina Parson, Beverly Bowens

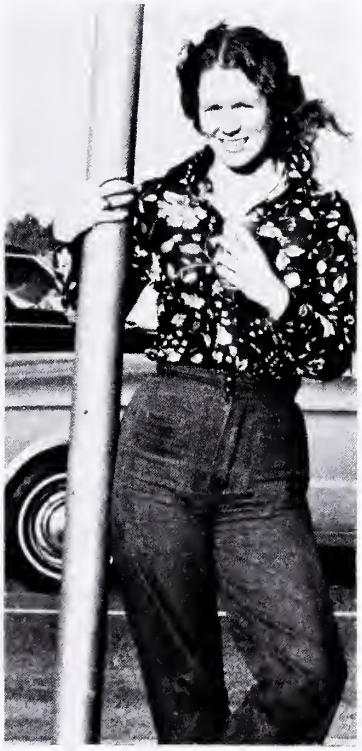
Doretta Hickman

Nick Brizendine

William Harris

Barry Blagmon





Terry Bryant

Larry Roane

Perry Wormley, Michael Gibson

Chris Landrum

Marie Ashlock

Jett Greenstreet

Marie Noel

Mary Roane

Roger Hundley, Alvin Manning, Nathan Gaines

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

I, Patricia Allen, leave "The Man" to Robbie Johnson, "The Money" to Mary Jo Owen and my seat in French class to whoever can stand it for three years and still be sane.
I, Marie Ashlock, leave all my ability to my sister Floretta and my cousin Debra Pratt and my friend Peggy Gardner to keep up the good work with the men.
I, Richard Bergquist, leave Essex High School a lot more "Mary" than when I came.
I, Barry Blagmon, leave my baseball number, 24, to anyone who can handle it under pressure.
I, Beverly Marie Bowens, being of sound mind and body, leave my ability to play a musical instrument to anyone who wants it.
I, Nick Brizendine, leave my ears to my followers, and hope they work better for them than they did for me.
I, Andy Brooks, leave my seat in Mary's class to any worthy student and I leave behind only the women I can't persuade to go with me.
I, Terry Bryant, leave my temper to anyone who thinks they can lose it more than I have in my five years at Essex High. I doubt it. Mr. Jones doesn't count.
I, Darlene Byrd, will my swell personality and sweet ways to Annette Lee and Kathie Fauntleroy. Good luck in the class of 77.
I, Dianna Carneal, am leaving to "Packett".
I, Diane Clarke, leave my fun and pleasure to my brother Stanley, for the oncoming years he has to face at Essex High School.
I, Linda Corbin, being of sound mind and body leave to Ronald Burrell my seat in the Senior class, and to Robin Corbin and Wanda Holmes my ability to not talk about people and get along.
I, Terry Corbin, leave my spot on the Varsity to Robert Muse and my Trojan spirit to who ever needs it the most.
I, Hazel Darby, will my ability to my sister, Darlene, to stay on the right track and to continue doing her best in everything.
I, Douglas Davis, leaves after 12 years of English and I ain't never gonna forget it.
I, Sarah Dixon, gladly leave EHS hoping that W.D., D.B., G.G., S.C., and the rest of the school's D-Y-N-O-M-I-T-E people leave and feel as I did.
I, Jo Ann Doane, leave my stall in the bathroom to Robin Watkins.
I, Cynthia A. Fields, leave my speed to anyone who can catch me when I leave.
I, Nathan Gaines, will my two hazel eyes to Gale Holmes, for they will be always watching over her.
I, Michael David Gibson, leave Essex High with the thought in mind that I have learned something that I can benefit from in life.
I, Joanna Green, leave my place in the senior class to my cousin, Melinda Gardner.
I, Jimmy Harmon, leave my library seat to Neil "Chopper" Norton in hopes he will enjoy it as much as I have.
I, Bertina Celestine Harris, Thank God that I have lived to see my day come and will my number sweet 14 to my sisters Ella and Nimmie hoping one of them will use it as much as I did.
I, William Harris, Jr., am thankful that I am graduating with the class of '76 and leave my drawing and drum talent to my brother Micheal.
I, Katherine Hayes, leave EHS gladly.

I, Doretta Hickman, leave D.H., F.A., and M.L. my basketball and softball suit hoping that someday they will become what I am. Doubting they can divide them into 3 equal parts.
I, Ronald Hickman, leave my very popular hands to my brother Perry, hoping that he can keep the heat on them that I had. *Believe me they were smoking.*
I, Patricia Howard, leave my perfect attendence record to Mr. Jones in hopes that he will follow my example in years to come.
I, Andrea Johnson, leave loving to "Cooke".
I, Diane Johnson, will my ability to leave class frequently but get my work done on time to Button, Buck, and Buffy.
I, Frankie Johnson, leave my outstanding trumpet playing and my pleasing personality to my brothers Tony and Corey.
I, Paulette Johnson, leave C.C. to V.R. hoping that she will take good care of him and I also leave my seat in the senior class to my sisters Arlene and Millicent and my adopted brother Jermaine.
I, Edward Lee Kyte, leave Essex, hoping that someday, salt and pepper won't be regarded as different but as a good combination.
I, Johnny Lanier, leave for the Promised Land.
I, Paige Mundie, leave Robin Baughan my Scamp and cooler hoping that she will keep it as full as I did.
I, Evelyn Nelson, leave Essex High School with a cheerful smile, hoping and praying that S.N., D.V., P.G., S.V., and the rest of the school's D-Y-N-O-M-I-T-E people leave and feel as I did. (Thank God)
I, Jean Marie Noel, leave all my Love to Spencer, and the Noel's tradition to Cherly in hopes that she won't make a mess of it.
I, Patricia Parker, leave my ability to be good at all times and not cutting up to Frances, Jo Ann, Peggy, Nancy, and Sandra.
I, Tina Parson, leave to any poor, unfortunate, my seat in ANY Algebra I Class, and hope they have the "luck" I did.
I, Joyce Pratt, will my ability to my cousins, Juanita, Flornett to keep up the good work with the guys.
I, Robert Pratt, leave Essex with hopes to someday return to become principal, putting Mr. DeShazo out of work.
I, Terri Reinhardt, leave my seat in Miss Collins class and my place on the yearbook to Sharon Wilder hoping she can make it through her senior year sanely!
I, Mary Roane, leave my ability to be good at all times to Sylvian and Barbara.
I, Charlene Rollins, leave my ability of quick thinking in times of trouble to Nancy Taylor, Francis Robinson and Joanne Haile.
I, Geraldine Rollins, will my ability to learn how to control my temper to anyone who needs it and leave my seat in French class to Brenda McGuire.
I, "The Janitor", leave my ability to "clean up" to anyone who may need it.
I, Arlene Scott, will my ability of staying out of trouble and being prompt for class to my niece, Carolyn Stewart.
I, Mary Alyce Sill, came to Essex High School as one of the Bobbsie twins and leave as one of the Three Musketeers.
I, Sharon Smith, will my seat in band class to Estelle Smith and Phyllis Young and my special thanks to God who has enabled me to graduate one year earlier at the age of 16.
I, Linda Swinson, leave my ability to sneak out of French class to anyone who needs it.
I, Donna, came as Sylva and leave to become Sanders.
I, Dorothy Taylor, leave my ability in sewing to my sister Ida and hope she does as well as I did.
I, David Tignor, leave my membership in the FFA to some future boy or girl who will try to be a good member, and most of all I leave all the opportunities that Essex High School has to offer to someone who will take advantages of them.
I, Robert Tresco, leave EHS with out my screw driver which I leave to L.C.S. in hopes that she won't have to use it.
I, Richard Volante, leave my good luck in Tennis to Jimmy Slaughter.
I, David Paul Williams, Will my ability to stay out of trouble to Hunter Pitts.
I, Perry Wormley, leave hoping I can forget all the boring times before they affect my mind permanently, my great ability to play trombone and sax, and my nickname "Worm" to anyone that "Can" control or master it as I.
I, Frank Worrell, hereby leave Essex High being smarter than what I was when I started.
I, Marilyn Michelle Young, leave all my yearbook worries to Andoria Henry and Lennette Gaines.

ORGANIZATIONS

SCA DOES BETTER THAN EVER

This year the members of the SCA undertook several activities to enhance the school life at Essex. The annual presentation of the Homecoming Queens and the Homecoming Dance were a great success. The halftime presentation was preceded by an event that hasn't been held for several years. Miss Davis, our art teacher, put together with the aid of the SCA a Homecoming Parade displaying many floats from various local organizations and businesses. The Homecoming princesses also rode in the parade. The Homecoming Dance held the next night also proved to be successful. Overall the Homecoming week activities were an enjoyable program. The SCA also sponsored a food drive which provided several needy families with a little extra for Thanksgiving. We also displayed a float in the Christmas Parade with the cooperation of the Essex Department of Parks and Recreation. Presently the SCA is engaged in revising the Student Handbook which contains various school regulations, school chants, and clubs. There are several other issues that we hope to enact that will improve the SCA and make it more active in the years to come.

L to R; T. Raduenz – Secretary; P. Johnson – Treasurer; M. Young – Vice-Pres; E. Kyte – Pres.

SCA Representatives

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

L to R; Terri Reinhardt – Secretary; Russell Owens – Treasurer; Johnny Lanier – President; Douglas Davis – Vice President.

The National Honor Society is an organization of Jr. and Sr. students that have shown outstanding scholarship, leadership, character and service. Members are elected each year by the faculty.

This year the members manned booth at Lowery's Restaurant to collect for the Cystic Fibrosis "Breath of Life" campaign. They also sponsored a float in the Homecoming Parade that received Honorable Mention.

1st row L to R; E. Kyte; A. Smith; T. Reinhardt; R. Volante; R. Pratt; 2nd row L to R; R. Owens; J. Lanier; D. Davis.

FFA – A FUTURE FOR AMERICA

OFFICERS: F. Worrell – Reporter; D. Bareford – Sentinel; S. Cooke – Treasurer; A. Brooks – President; J. Clarke – Vice President; L. Greenwood – Secretary.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS: G. Banks – Reporter; M. Carneal – Secretary; J. Rice – Treasurer; D. Baughan – President; S. Brooks – Vice President; W. Lane – Sentinel.

FORESTRY JUDGING TEAM: K. Thomas, F. Worrell, S. Cooke, J. Swinson, M. Carneal.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of high school students of vocational agriculture. The purpose of the FFA is to prepare leaders for tomorrow's agriculture. The Essex FFA chapter is trying to meet these goals by involving its members in a wide area of activities. These activities include the judging contest such as: Forestry Farm Mechanics, Rifle Shooting, Parliamentary Procedure, Crops, Public Speaking, and Tractor Driving. The chapter also provides recreational activities, which includes a recreation night twice a month, plus summer activities. Also the FFA chapter is involved in activities which are beneficial to the community and surrounding areas.

Each year the Essex FFA Chapter takes a group of members to the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg, Va., to help develop their understanding of the FFA and its functions. While there, the members also participate in the judging contest and receive awards which they have won during the year for their work.

We hope that by having a successful year, the Essex FFA Chapter can prove that FFA is a strength ... A Future for America.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS FOCUS ON FAMILIES

To improve personal, family, and community living both now and in the future is the overall goal of the Future Homemakers of America, the National organization of students studying home economics in junior and senior high schools.

The Essex FHA Chapter selected as its emphasis for the year, "Family Focus, 1776-1976," with emphasis on the traditions, values, ideals, and experiences that have sustained families. In addition to chapter programs, class discussions, displays, individual and community projects, the program of work emphasis was developed through the following program topics:

"Why the Bicentennial?"
"Families Foster Brotherhood"
"76 Family Yuletide Traditions"
"Building on the Past Looking to the Future"
"Educational Pursuits Families"
"Families Establish Roots"
(history of communities in county, artifacts, etc.)

1st row L to R; A. Bundy – Vice Pres; A. Hatton – Pres; J. Pollard – Vice Pres; Martha Lee – Secretary; 2nd row L to R; C. Pugh – Treasurer; J. Robb – Reporter; J. Pratt – Parliamentarian; D. Hickman – Historian; P. Gardner – Songleader.

HERO

L to R; Mrs. Dockery, Nathan Gaines, Gail Holmes, Annette Simms, Roxie Pollard. 2nd row – Arlene Scott, Mary Roane, Doretha Beverly, Diane Clarke, Valerie Wells, Diane Braxton, Charlotte Rich, Jeffrey Garnett. 3rd row – Joanna Green, Hazel Darby, Mary Lee, Emma Gray, Virgie Taylor, Queen Richardson, Juanita Bundy, Mrs. Bowens.

Home Economics Related Occupations chapters are a part of the national organization of FHA Heroers are students involved in a search for direction for a full and useful life. Through their interest in home economics and the jobs and careers related to this profession, they have become members of HERO, and program of class learning, chapter activities and job experiences. The specific goals of HERO chapters are to help individuals through the Occupational Home Economics program to develop leadership ability, strengthen personal qualities, develop contacts with individuals and groups in the community who are associated with employment, and to promote an appreciation for the world of work.

HERO students prepare lunch.

FBLA

Sitting; D. Taylor, R. Vessels, A. Henry, G. Rollins, B. Harris, R. Baughan, S. Bishop, A. Dabney. 2nd row; J. Taylor, C. Acree, D. Clarke, J. Johnson, D. Gaines, V. Taylor, S. Wilder, K. Faunteroy, E. Nelson, T. Corbin, J. Robb, L. Gaines; 3rd row; A. Burrell, P. Johnson, G. Dabney, B. McGuire, A. Smith, R. Hickman, F. Beverly, S. Smith, E. Johnson, D. Young, D. Johnson, Mrs. Cannon.

The purpose of FBLA is to provide as an integral part of the instructional program additional opportunities for students in business and office education to develop vocational and career supportive competencies and to promote civic and personal responsibilities.

The nine specific goals of FBLA are to:

(1) Develop competent, aggressive business leadership.
(2) Strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work.
(3) Create more interest in and understanding of American business enterprise.
(4) Encourage members in the development of individual projects which contribute to the improvement of home, business, and community.
(5) Develop character, prepare for useful citizenship, and foster patriotism.
(6) Encourage and practice efficient money management.
(7) Encourage scholarship and promote school loyalty.
(8) Assist students in the establishment of occupational goals.
(9) Facilitate the transition from school to work.

CHESS CLUB

L. to R. – C. Robertson, R. Carlton, J. Slaughter, H. Edwards, L. Schools, R. Harper, S. Dishman, K. Tresco, R. Johnson, S. Swonk, T. Jones, Sponsor – Mr. Robertson.

LIBRARY STAFF

L. to R. – E. Johnson, D. Young, R. Pratt, S. Austin, T. White, C. Gibson, Mrs. Cary – Librarian, L. Greenwood, D. Clarke, J. Hayes, L. Schools, T. Parson, M. Owen, D. Overstreet.

DECA

DECA participated in several activities during the year.

Some of the activities were collecting money for Jerry Lewis Telethon, promoted trade in Tappahannock on Radio, in Newspaper and with circulars, put a float in Homecoming parade, and put on a Shoplifting prevention program. DECA had two fund raising programs which were a DECA Sock Hop and Cookie Sale. They attended the Fall Rally at Stratford and took part in a Bicentennial Program. They received letters of congratulations from Gov. Godwin and Attorney General Andrew Miller, for promoting the shoplifting prevention program.

H. Pitts – Chaplin; N. Schools – Reporter; T. Bryant – Secretary; R. Harper – President; P. Mundie – Vice President; T. Corbin – Treasurer; J. Holmes – Parlimentarian.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

First row L. to R. – K. Hayes, Mrs. Johnson, F. Bowen, Second row – T. Corbin, T. Bryant – co-editor, D. Gayle, D. Carneal, Third row – L. Jackson, D. Bergquist, M. Sill, L. Roane, J. Doane, D. Sylva – co-editor.

The Creative Writing Class attempted to make the '75 *Trojans* '76 newspaper as informative and entertaining as possible to help keep each student at Essex High up to date on the activities occuring at our school. With a working body of classmates, Mrs. Johnson helped the class bring out their inner scholastic skills and by doing so, helped the group to create the school newspaper and the literary magazine.

We the new students of the first Creative Writing Class only hope that this year's publications will inspire those who will take this course to follow in our footsteps and experience the joy of writing creatively.

BON VOYAGE

Eddie Kyte
Tammy Taylor
David Headley
Buttons Johnson
Mark Fruend

Robin Watkins
Brad Norton
Sharon Williams
Monte Gladding
Sharon Wilder

Kevin Lankford
Robin Beale
Della Sue Watkins
Keith Cooke

Donna Gayle
Jimmy Slaughter
Susan Sherwood
Scott Forshaw
Mary Jo Owen

Colville Hutchinson
Marsha McDaniel
Carter Robertson
Raynell Vessels
Debbie Ellers

Miss Nancy Davis
Mr. William Dockery
Mrs. Shirley Johnson

These Students toured parts of Italy, France, and Switzerland during their Spring Vacation. This gave them an opportunity to see how others lived.

TROJAN'S BAND

The band members are: Flutes – B. Bowens, L. Schools, J. Butler, D. Allen, V. Holmes, B. Alcock, T. Carson, D. Schroder, Clarnets – E. Smith, S. Smith, S. Bryant, P. Young, G. McGuire, A. Simms, A. Johnson, L. Hence, C. Acree, K. Fauntleroy, S. Clay, L. Smith, P. Johnson, J. Bowens, S. Bryant, M. Noel, Saxophones – B. Blagmon, G. Blagmon, T. Carson, C. Cary, L. Carey, W. Lane, R. Young. Horns – D. Bryants, M. Gilbert, Trumpets – M. Gibson, A. Smith, S. Johnson, J. Bailey, M. Kelly, J. Barett, P. Pitts, B. Almarode, Trombones – R. Burell, P. Wormley, R. Martin, R. Hickman, S. Fauntleroy, R. Rollins, M. Redman, D. Allen, A. Pollard, I. Harris, Tuba – T. Pratt, Percussion – C. Frith, W. Harris, A. Narris, D. Longbreak. Color Guards – J. Adams, V. Taylor, R. Baughan, S. Wilder, J. Adams, P. Taylor. Instructor – Mr. H. Rippeon

The Essex Trojan Band has become one of the best instrumental groups in the area. The size has grown to 60 members, with a 12 member Honor Guard. In 1975 the band traveled to Winchester, Va. to participate in the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. The Trojan Band was selected as the OFFICIAL'S BAND in the National Tobacco Festival in Richmond. The Band participated in many local and area parades and performed Pre-Game and Half-time shows at the Football and Basketball games. The Band members are especially proud of their new full dress uniforms which were purchased this year by the Band Booster Club, Band students, and the School Board. They are presently making plans to attend the Mardi Gras in New Orleans in 1977.

Drum Major and Majorette – Marvin Redman and Debbie Stalnaker

First row – left to right, A. Rhines, D. Hence, S. Frith, T. Reinhardt, S. Jeter, D. Worrell, T. Parson, C. Morris. Second row – C. Blagmon, C. Rollins, S. Hammond, E. Johnson, C. Fauntleroy, B. Byrd, C. Frith, L. Greenwood, Director D. Dickenson.

THE CHORALE

The Chorale gives students who enjoy singing a chance to become familiar with part singing – to explore a wide variety of music and to perform before various groups.

Classes

PATRICIA LYNN ALLEN
Mgr. Girls Track – 2; Newspaper Feature Editor – 3; Newspaper Assistant Editor – 4; FHA – 1,2; SCA Rep. – 4; Color Guard – 2; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; Who's Who; French Club; Yearbook – 4,5; NEDT Award – 3

MARIE ASHLOCK
Softball; FHA; Heros Vice-Pres.

BARBARA SUE AUSTIN

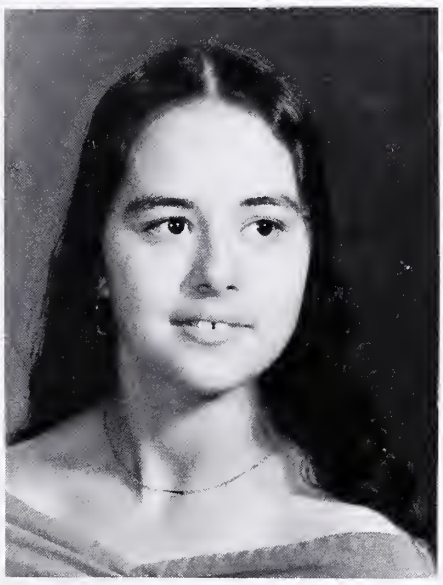
RICHARD KENT BERGQUIST
Newspaper – Advertising – 5

FLOYD McKINLEY BEVERLY, JR

BARRY DONNELL BLAGMON
J.V. Baseball – 2, 3; Varsity Baseball – 4, 5; Track – 2, 3, 4; FFA – 1, 2, 3; Student Patrol – 3, 4; Band – 3, 4, 4

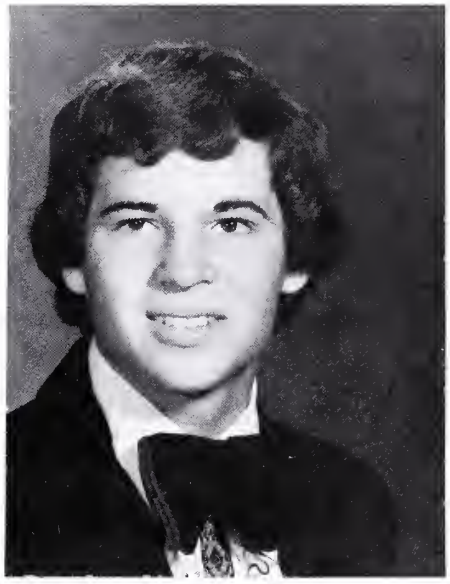
LINDSAY EDWARD BOOHER
Trans. 1973; Varsity Football — 3, 4, 5; Cap. — 5; Varsity Basketball — 4, 5; Varsity Baseball — 4, 5; J.V. Baseball — 3

BEVERLY MARIE BOWENS
Band 3, 4, 5



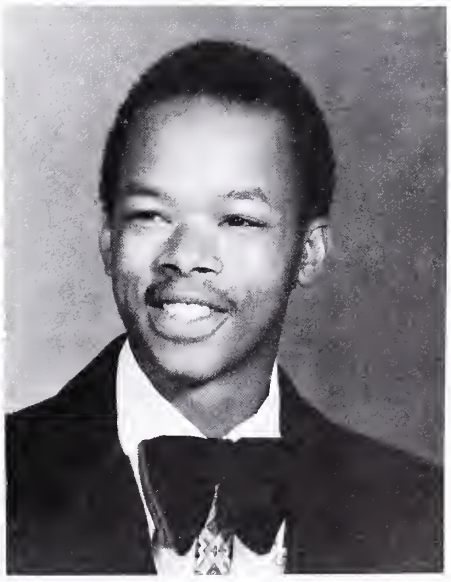
DIANE MARIE BRAXTON

FRANKLIN SHEARWOOD BRIZENDINE, JR
J.V. Baseball — 2; Varsity Baseball — 3, 4, 5; Golf — 2, 5; Tennis — 5; Yearbook — 4, 5; J.V. Football — 2; Varsity Football — 3, 4, 5; Who's Who; French Club; Class Rep. — 4; SCA Rep. — 1, 2, 3



KENNETH ANDREW BROOKS
SCA Vice-Pres. — 4; FFA Reporter — 3, 4; FFA Pres. — 5; Varsity Football — 4, 5; Who's Who — 5

JAMES BROWN



THERESA KAY BRYANT
FHA – 1, 2; SCA Rep. – 2, 3; Newspaper – 4; Newspaper Co-Editor – 5; Class Pres. – 4; ESSA – 4; DECA Secretary – 5; Class Treasurer – 5; Yearbook Tri-Editor – 5

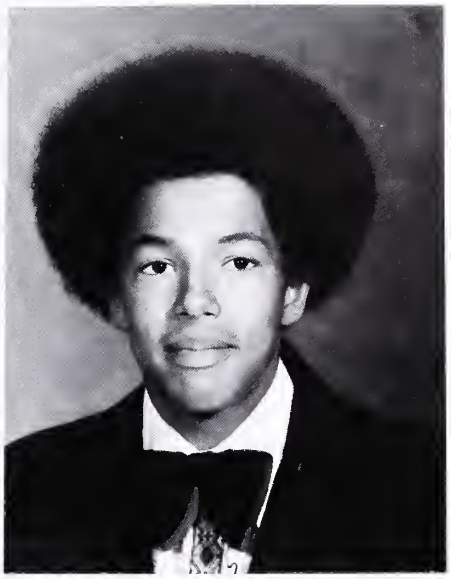
JUNITA BUNDY

ARLENE BURRELL

FRANCES DARLENE BYRD
FBLA Treasurer – 5; FHA – 1, 2, 3; DECA – 3; SCA Rep. – 2, 3

LARRY WINSTON CAREY

DIANNA LYNN CARNEAL
SCA Rep. – 1; J.V. Cheerleader – 2; FHA – 1, 2; Majorette – 3, 4; DECA – 4; Newspaper – 5; Homecoming Princess – 1;



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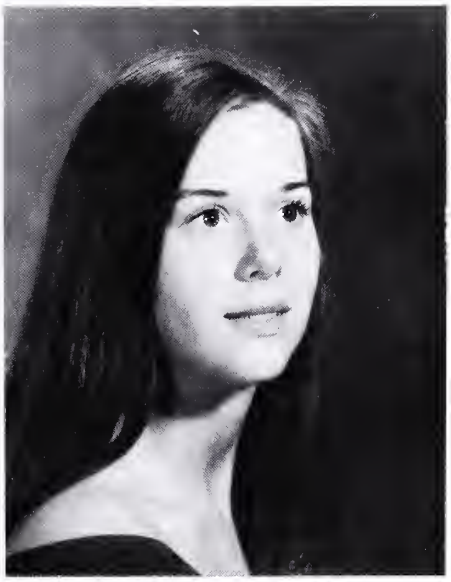
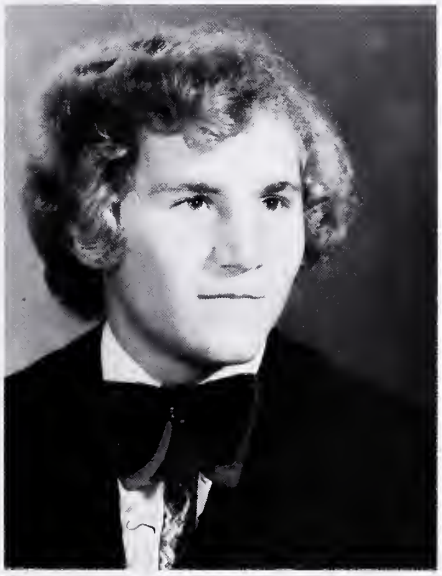
JULIAN CLARKE



LLOYD CLARKE

CONNIE JILL CONNELLEE
FHA — 1; Majorette — 1; Society of Outstanding American High School Students — 4; Who's Who; Student Honor and Conduct Board — 3; SCA Rep. — 2, 3, 5; Class Vice-Pres. — 5; Yearbook — 4, 5; Homecoming Princess — 5; French Club — 5; Senior Advisory Council — 5



WILLIAM KEITH COOKE

DWAN CORBIN

LINDA CAROLE CORBIN
FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; FBLA – 3, 4, 5; FFA – 4; Who's Who; Student Patrol – 4

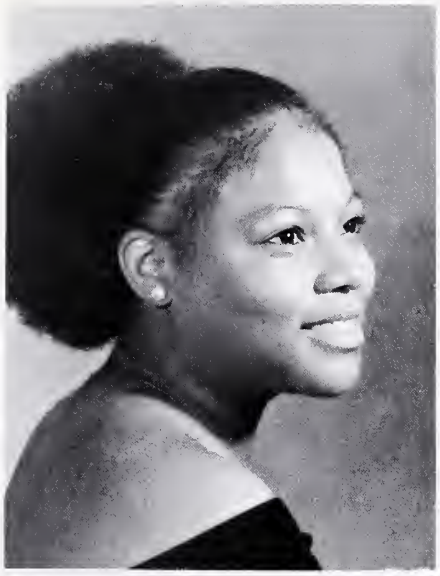
TERESA CORBIN

TERRY ALEXANDER CORBIN
J.V. Basketball – 3; DECA – 3; Photo Club; Auto Mech. – 4, 5; Varsity Basketball – 4, 5

HAZEL DARBY
FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4; Hero – 5; Yearbook

ANDREA DAVIS

DOUGLAS DAVIS
J.V. Baseball – 3; Varsity Football – 3; Varsity Baseball – 4, 5; FFA – 1, 2, 3; FFA Secretary – 3; FFA Parlimentary Team; NHS; Boys State

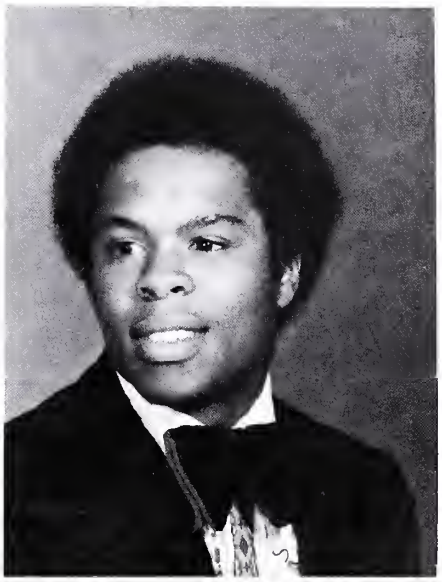


SARAH DIXON
FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4; FBLA – 5; Yearbook – 5

JO ANN DOANE
Track – 2, 3, 4, 5; Softball – 2, 3, 4; DECA – 4; FHA – 1; Choir – 1; French Tour Group – 4; Newspaper – 5

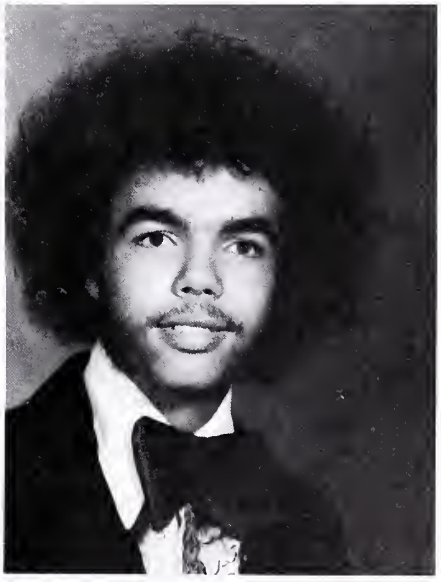
GREGORY DOUGHERTY

JOHN WESLEY EATON



CYNTHIA FIELDS
Band – 1, 2, 3; FHA – 5; Basketball – 5; Softball – 3; J.V. Cheerleader – 2

NATHAN CARYLE GAINES
Varsity Track – 2, 3; Mgr. J.V. Baseball – 3; Building Trades – 3, 4; FFA – 1, 2; Hero – 5



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JOSEPHINE GARNETT

LEE GARNETT

DONNA GAYLE

MICHAEL DAVID GIBSON
Band – 3, 4, 5; FFA – 1; SCA Rep. – 3; Class Treasurer – 4; Student Patrol – 3

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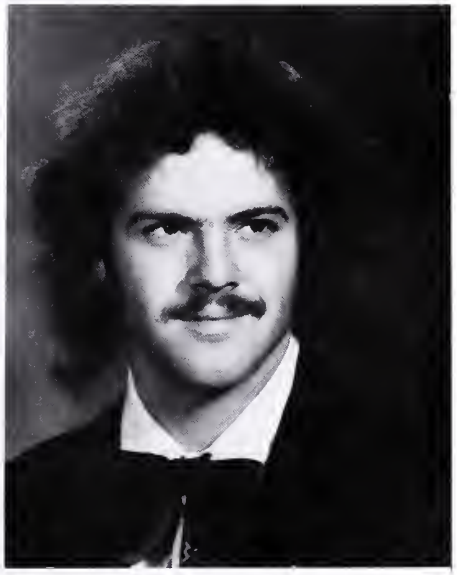
ALFRED GRAY

FAYLENE GRAY

JOANN PAIGE GREEN

THOMAS JETER GREENSTREET



LEWIS GREENWOOD

RUSSEL CRALLE HAMMACK

JAMES TRACY HARMON
J.V. Football – 1, 2; J.V. Baseball – 1, 2; Varsity Football – 3, 4, 5; Capt. – 5; Varsity Baseball – 3, 4, 5; Yearbook – 5; Tennis – 5; Track – 3, 5; Junior Class Rep.; French Class

BERTINA CELESTINE HARRIS
FBLA Pres. – 5; Class Secretary – 5; SCA Rep. – 5; Basketball – 5; Varsity Cheerleader – 4; FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; FBLA – 3, 4, 5; Newspaper – 4; Yearbook – 5; Band; Majorette; 4-H

WILLIAM CARL HARRIS
J.V. Baseball – 1, 2; Basketball – 1; FHA – 4, 5; Choir; Band; Mgr. Varsity Basketball – 3, 4

CHRISTOPHER ALFONSO HARRISON

EDWARD GILMOUR HAYES
French Tour Group – 3; French Club – 5; Boys State – 1975; Class Rep. – 5; Yearbook – 4, 5; SCA Rep. – 3, 5; Who's Who – 1975

JANICE BROOK HAYES

KATHERINE ANNETTE HAYES
FHA – 1, 2, 3; DECA – 3, 4, 5; Newspaper – 5

DORETTA LOE HICKMAN
SCA Rep. – 1, 2, 3; Basketball – 3, 4, 5; Cap. – 5; Softball – 3, 4, 5; Cheerleader – 5; FHA – 3, 4, 5; Yearbook – 5; Choir – 1

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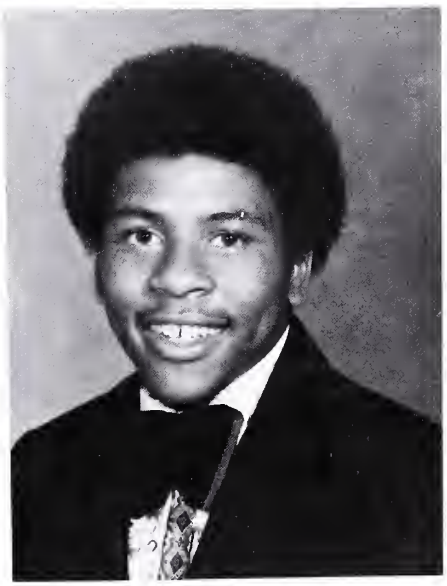
Band – 2, 3, 4, 5; J.V. Baseball – 2, 3; FBLA – 5; Track – 1, 2

ROGER HUNDLEY



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J.V. Cheerleader – 1; SCA Rep. – 2; Majorette – 2; Color guard – 3; DECA – 5; Newspaper – 5; Yearbook – 5

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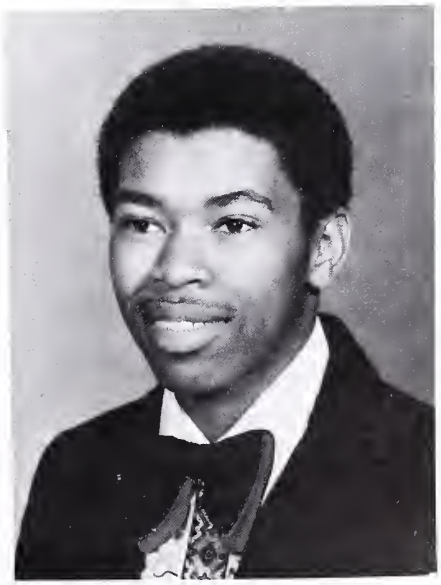


TONY JACKSON

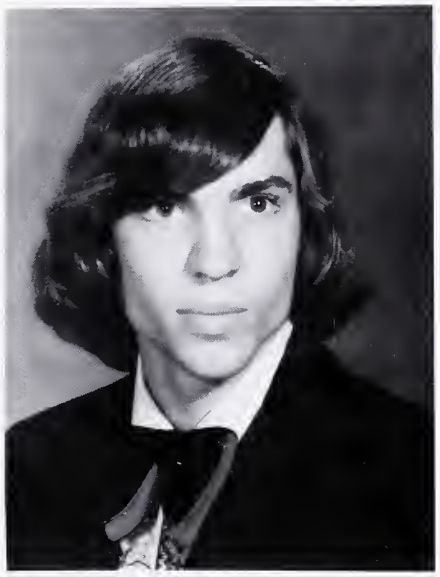
ANDREA LEE JOHNSON
Track – 3; Color Guard – 4; Yearbook – 5; FHA – 1

THERESA DIANE JOHNSON
FHA – 1, 2, 3; FBLA – 3, 4, 5; FBLA Secretary – 5; Yearbook – 5

FRANKIE JOHNSON
Band – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Track – 2, 3, 5; J.V. Football – 2; Varsity Basketball – 4, 5

PAULETTE LORETTA JOHNSON
DECA; FBLA; FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4; Track; Class Secretary – 2

JOHN JONES



ROBERT LEWIS JONES, JR

GEORGE STEVIE JOHNSON

WAYNE ROGERS JOHNSON

EDWARD LEE KYTE
J.V. Football – 2; SCA Rep. – 3; NHS – 5; SCA Pres. – 5; French Club – 5; French Tour Group – 3, 5

CHRIS LANDRUM

JOHN MORTIMER LANIER, JR
NHS Pres. – 5; Society of Distinguished American High School Students – 4; NECT – 3; Enrichment Programs – 4

JOHN KEVIN LANKFORD
J.V. Football – 1, 2; J.V. Baseball – 2; Varsity Football – 3, 4, 5

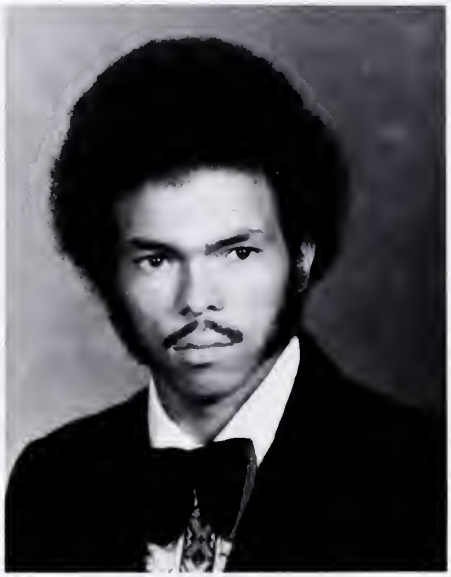
ALVIN MANNING

EMILY PAIGE MUNDIE
SCA Rep. – 1, 4, 5; Track – 2, 4; FHA – 1, 2; FBLA – 4; Class Secretary – 4; DECA Vice Pres. – 5; Yearbook – 5; Homecoming Queen

ROSE MUSE

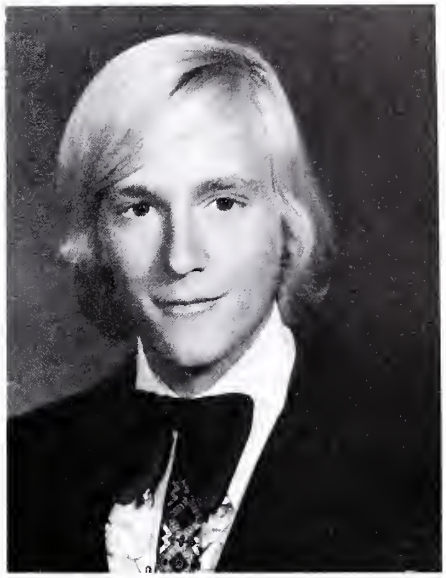
EVELYN NELSON
Cheerleader – 1; SCA Rep. – 2; Hero Secretary – 4; FBLA – 4, 5; FHA – 1, 2, 3

JERRY NELSON



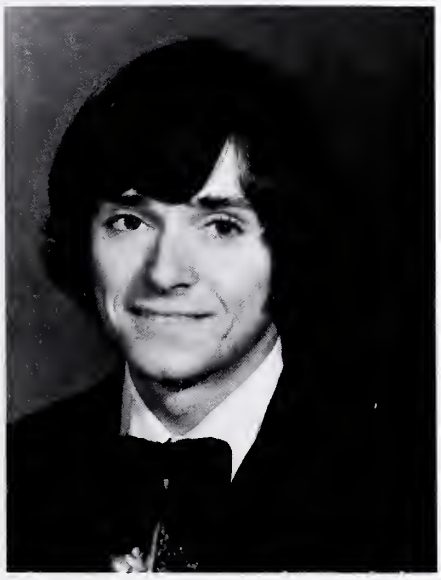
MARIE NOEL
Track – 4; Band – 2, 3, 4, 5; Choir – 5

BRADLEY JONATHAN NORTON
Track – 3, 4, 5; Tennis – 5; Yearbook – 5; Newspaper – 5; SCA Rep. – 4; French Club – 5; French Tour Group – 5



RUSSELL LOUIS OWENS, JR
SCA Rep. – 5; Class Rep. – 4, 5; NHS – 5; Society of Distinguished American High School Students; NEDT Award – 3

PATRICIA ANN PARKER
DECA – 3; FHA – 1, 2, 3



JOSEPH RUSSELL PARR, JR
J.V. Football – 2; J. V. Baseball – 2; Varsity Football; Varsity Baseball; DECA – 3, 4; FFA – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

TINA MARIE PARSON
FHA – 2; SCA – 1, 2, 3, 4; Forensics

ROXIE MARLENE POLLARD

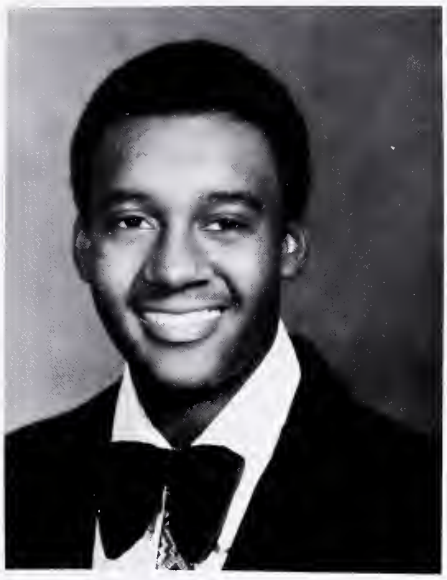
JOYCE PRATT
FHA – 1, 2, 3; Band – 3, 4; Choir

ROBERT ANTONIO PRATT
SCA Rep. – 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. – 1, 5; Vice-Pres. – 2; SCA Officer – 3; Society of Distinguished High School Students; ESSA – 2; Forensics – 4, 5; NHS; Student Advisory Committee; Boy's State; Yearbook – 5; Class Rep. – 4; French Club

MARION DARLENE RANSOME

TERRI LEIGH REINHARDT
Trans. 1974; Yearbook – 4, 5; Tri-Editor – 5; NHS Secretary – 5; Girls State – 1975; SCA Rep. – 5

CHARLOTTE RICH
FHA – 1, 2, 3; Hero – 4, 5

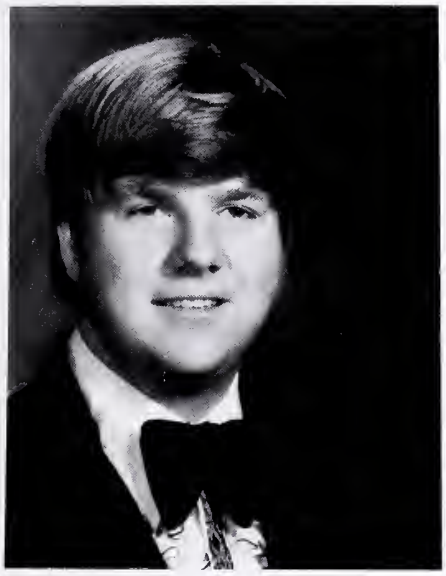


LARRY MATTHEW ROANE
Newspaper – 5

MARY ROANE
FHA – 1, 2, 3, 4; Hero – 5

CHARLENE MADENIA ROLLINS
DECA – 3; FHA – 1, 2, 3

GERALDINE JUANITA ROLLINS
FHA – 1, 2, 3; SCA Rep. 1; FBLA – 5; Yearbook – 3, 5.



LINWOOD ALTON SCHOOLS
J.V. Football; Varsity Football; Chess Club

ARLENE SCOTT
FHA – 1, 2, 3; Hero; Yearbook – 4, 5

MARY ALYCE SILL
SCA – Rep. – 2; J.V. Cheerleader – 1; Band – 2, 3; Colorguard – 1, 2; Newspaper – 5; Yearbook – 5

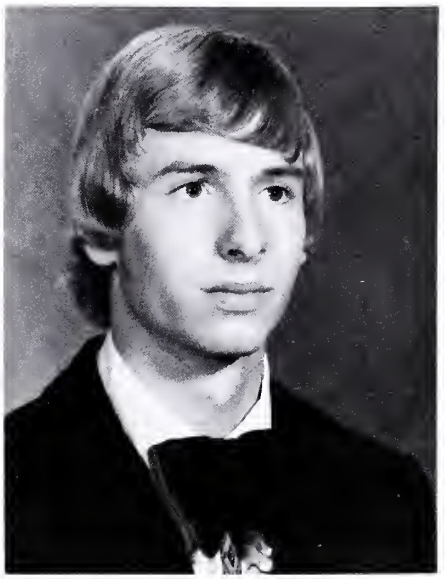
SPURGEON ALPHONSO SMITH

SHARON MAXINE SMITH
Beg. Band – 1; Adv. Band – 2, 3, 5; SCA Rep. – 1, 2, 3; J.V. Cheerleader; Varsity Basketball Cheerleader; FBLA – 5; Yearbook – 5

LINDA ANN SWINSON
FHA – 1, 2; J.V. Cheerleader – 2; Track team Mgr. – 2; Choir – 2; Photo Club – 3; Yearbook – 3, 4, 5; Newspaper – 3, 4; Forensics – 3, 4, 5; Class Rep. – 4, 5; Who's Who; French Club

DONNA JEAN SYLVA
Track – 2, 3, 4; FHA – 1, 2; DECA – 4; DECA Treasurer; Newspaper – 5; Co-editor; Homecoming Princess – 1, 2, 4; French Tour Group – 4; Softball – 4

DOROTHY MAE TAYLOR
FBLA – 1, 2; FHA – 1, 2, 3; Occ. Clothing – 1; Hero Treasurer; DECA



RALPH TAYLOR

DAVID WAYNE TIGNOR
Track – 3; FFA – 1, 5; DECA – 3, 4

ROBERT ANTHONY TRESCO
Track – 3

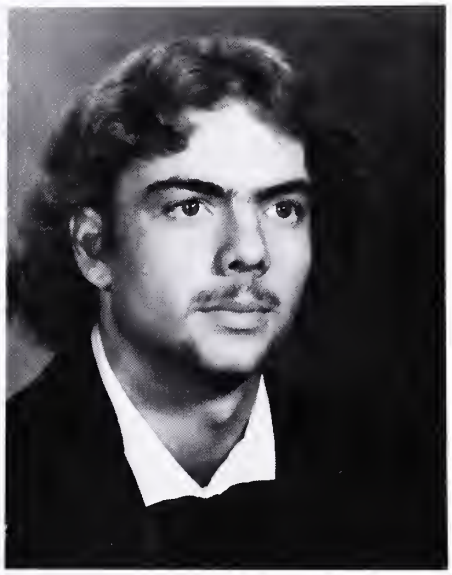
RICHARD ANDREW VOLANTE, JR
J.V. Baseball – 3; Golf – 4; Rappahannock Community College Enrichment Program – 4; Tennis – 5; NHS – 5; Varsity Baseball – 5

DARYLE SPENCER WARE

VALERIE JEANNETTE WELLS

DAVID PAUL WILLIAMS
J.V. Football – 1, 2; MVP – Co-Cap. – 2; J.V. Baseball – 2; Golf – 2; Varsity Football – 3, 5; Varsity Baseball – 3, 5

PERRY PAXTON WORMLEY
Band – 3, 4, 5; J.V. Basketball – 1; FFA – 1; SCA Rep. – 1, 2, 4, 5; Class Vice-Pres. – 4; Varsity Basketball – 5; Student Patrol – 3, 4



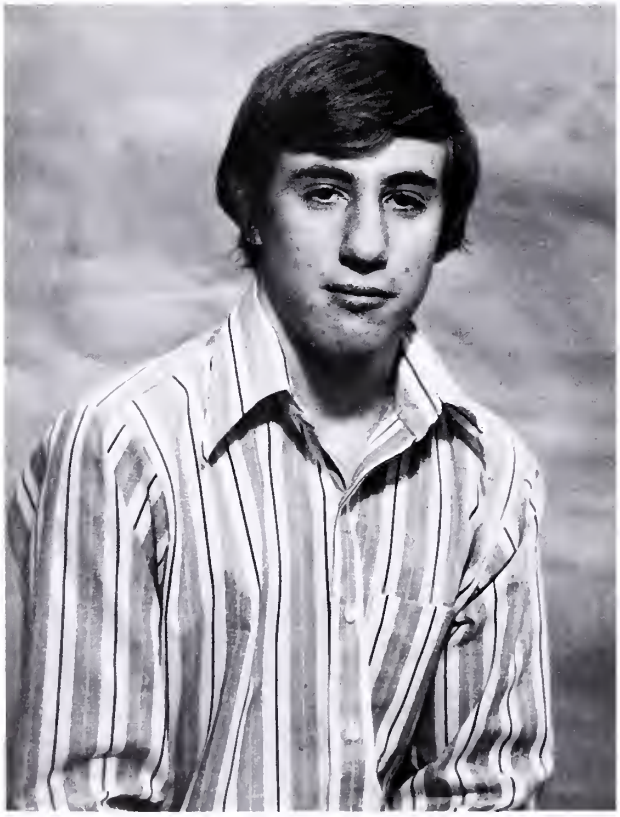
FRANKLIN EVERTTE WORRELL, JR
FFA – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Reporter – 5; Chess Club – 3

PICKETT THOMAS WYATT
Cross Country – 2; FFA – 1

MARILYN MICHELLE YOUNG
SCA Vice-Pres. – 4; SCA Rep. – 1, 2; Class Rep. – 4; FAH – 1, 2, 3; Yearbook – 4; Tri-Editor – 5; 4-H; Newspaper – 3; Library Club – 1; French Club – 5

Robert Franklin – President

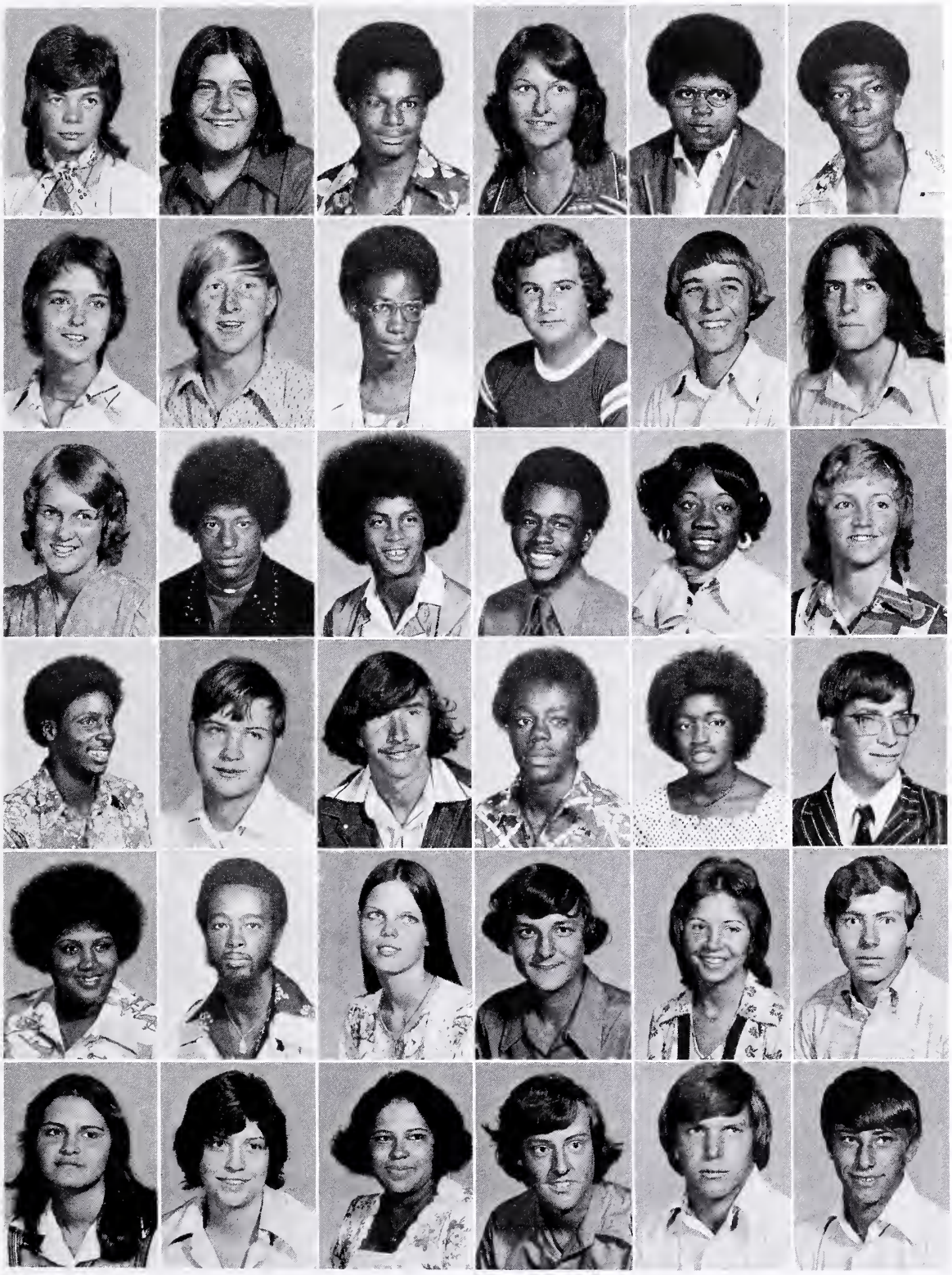
Lorenzo Bundy – Vice-President



Monte Gladding – Secretary

Denyce Young – Treasurer

JUNIORS
ONE STEP AWAY



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Jeff Brooks

Debbie Bryant
Alexander Bundy
Lorenzo Bundy
Ronald Burrell
Carolyn Carter
Dorothy Carter

Cornell Cary
Michael Clarke
Wayne Clarke
Carl Cobb
Audrey Corbin
Edwin Courtney

Gail Dabney
Leon Darby
Andrea Davis
Charles Davis
Cindy Davis
Melvin Davis

Susan Dishman
Debbie Ellers
Kathy Fauntleroy
Scott Forshaw
Robert Franklin
Mark Fruend

Christine Gaines
Charlene Gibson
Monte Gladding
Leon Greenwood
Joanne Haile
Sandra Hammond

Robert Harper
Sandra Harper
Annette Hatton
David Headley
Laletha Hence
James Holmes

Tony Holmes
Violet Holmes
Colville Hutchinson
Ellen Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Karen Jones

Annette Lee
Ronnie Martin
Sylvia Martin
Brenda McGuire
Debbie Overstreet
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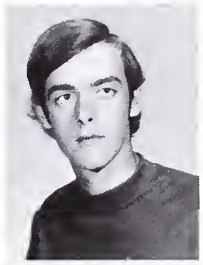

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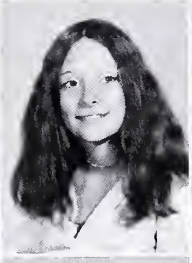

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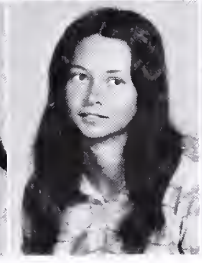

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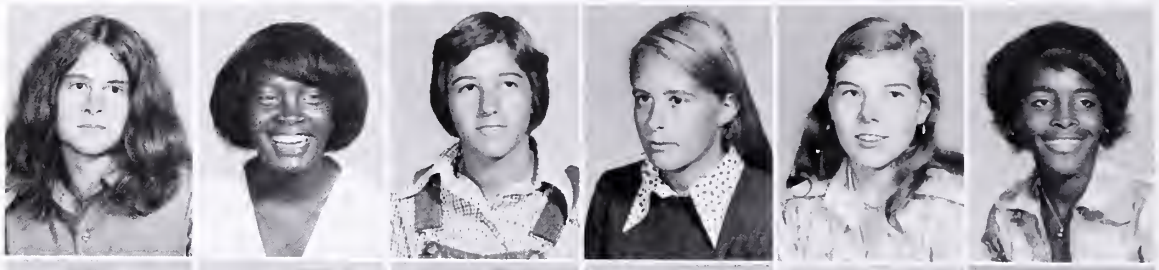

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Carolyn Brooks

Patricia Brooks
Angela Bundy
Cleo Bundy
Flornette Byrd
Thomas Carey
Rusty Carlton

Timmy Carneal
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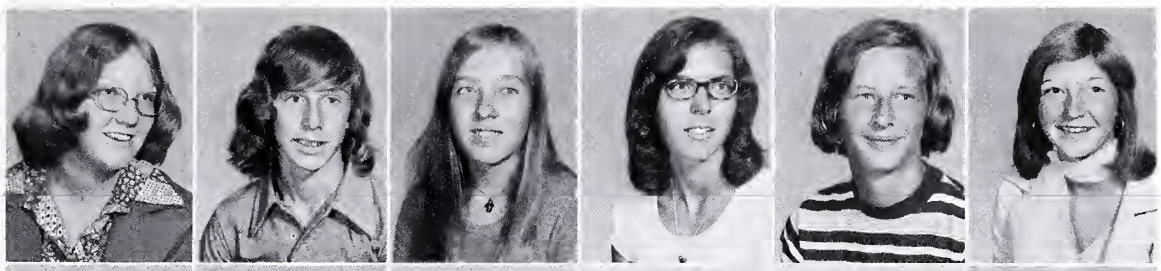

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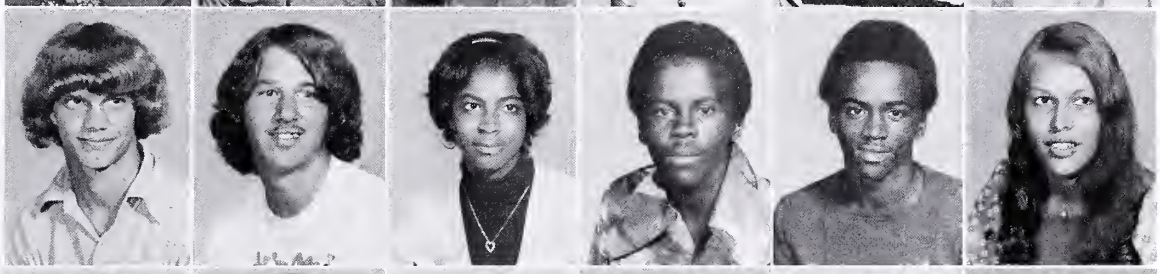

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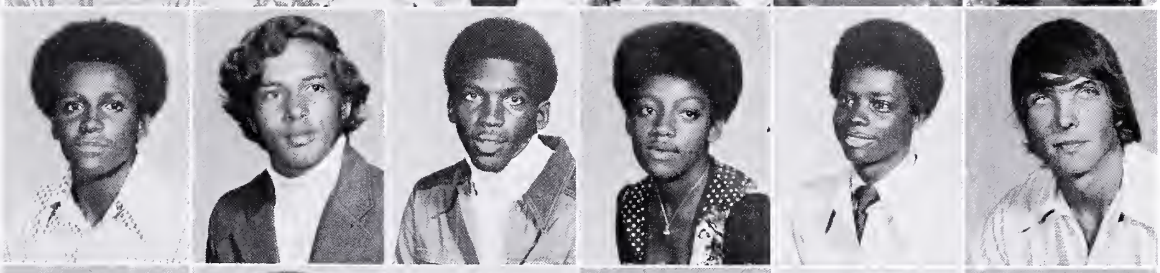

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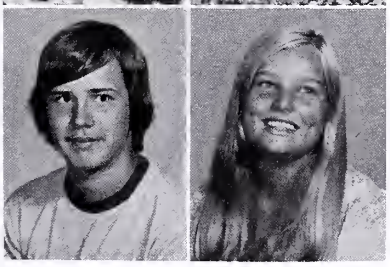

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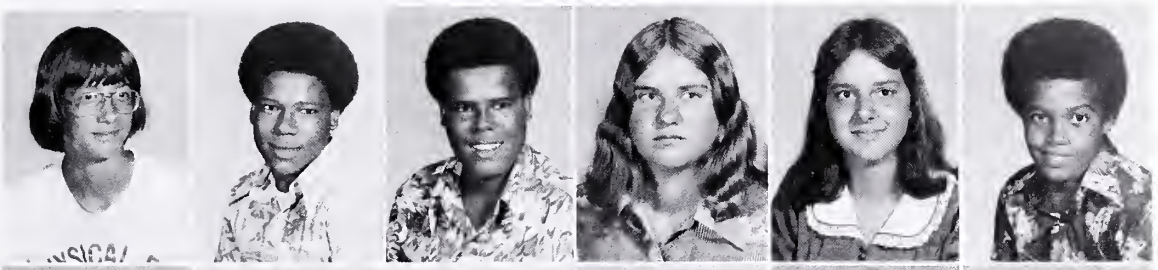

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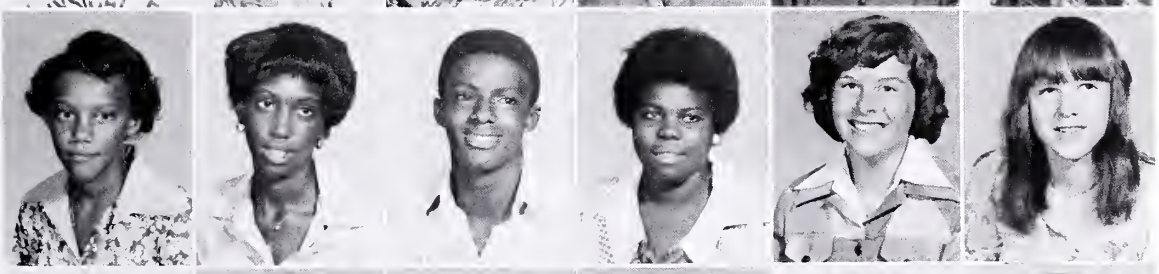

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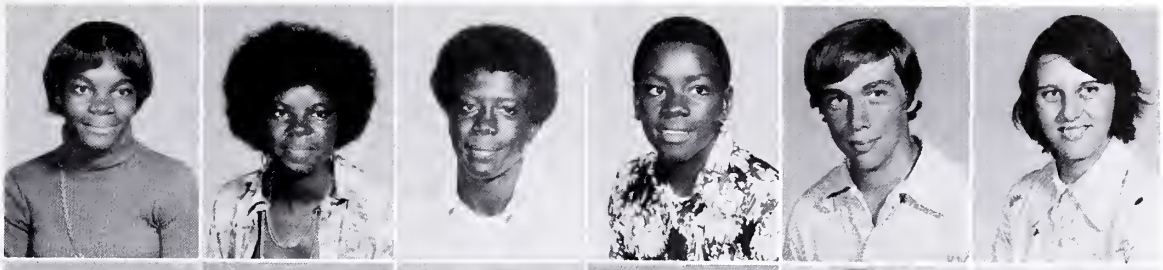

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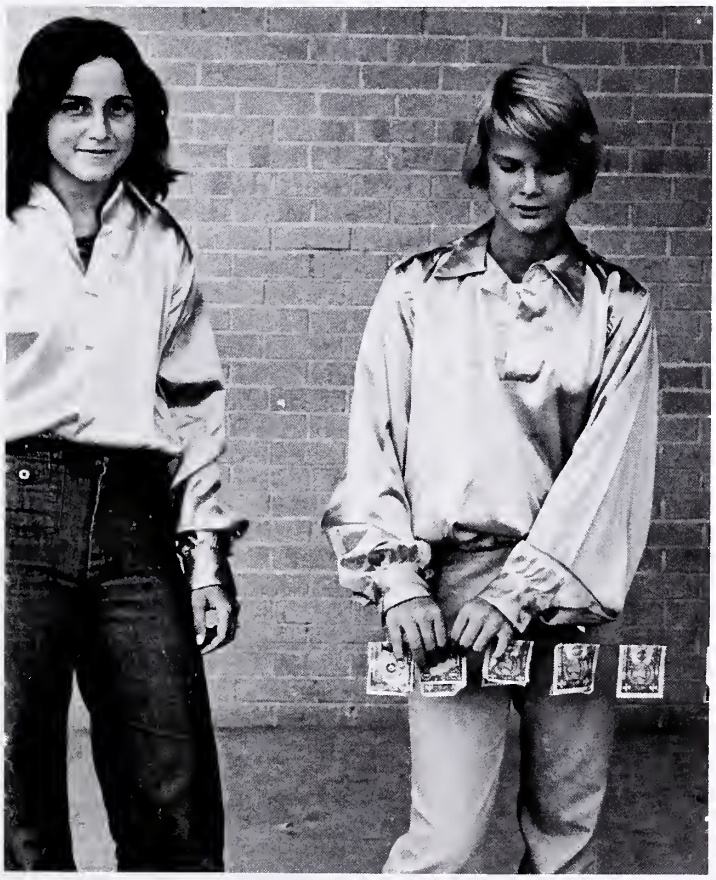

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Shelia Blagmon

Wayne Blagmon
Earl Boughton
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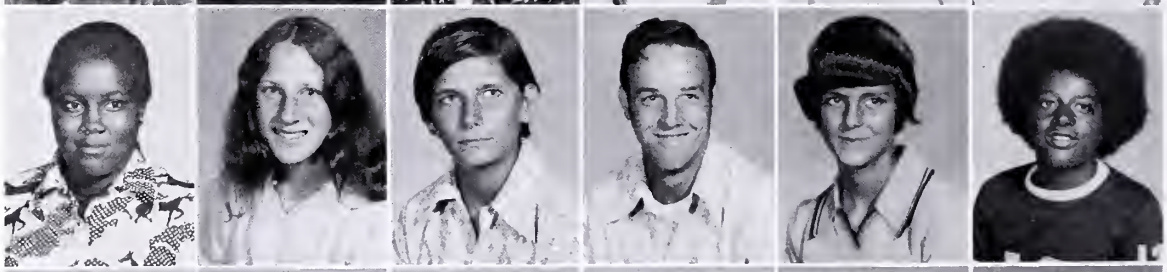

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Patricia Connellee

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Amanda Courtney
Julie Courtney
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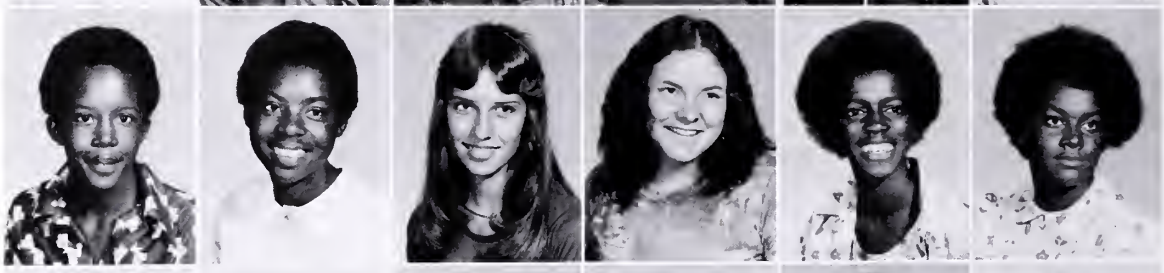

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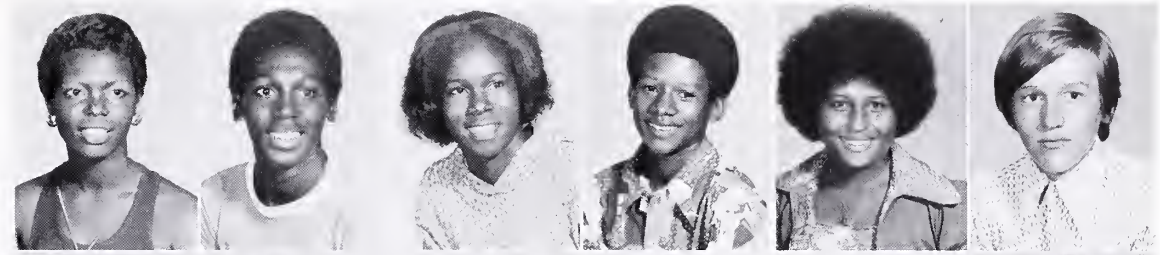
Randy Sadler says, "She's late again!"

Parker steals a kiss during lunch!



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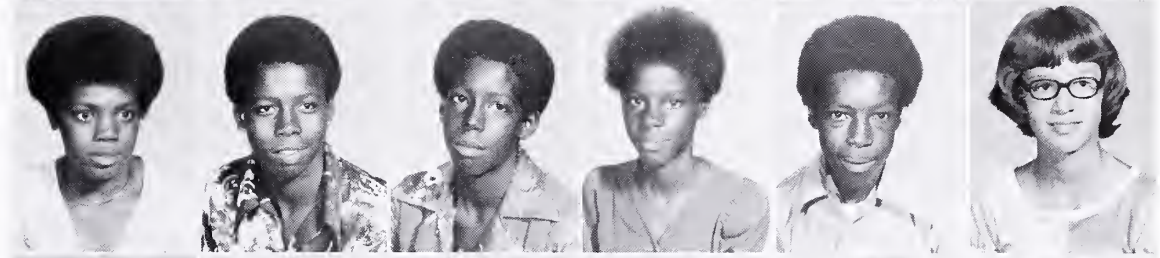

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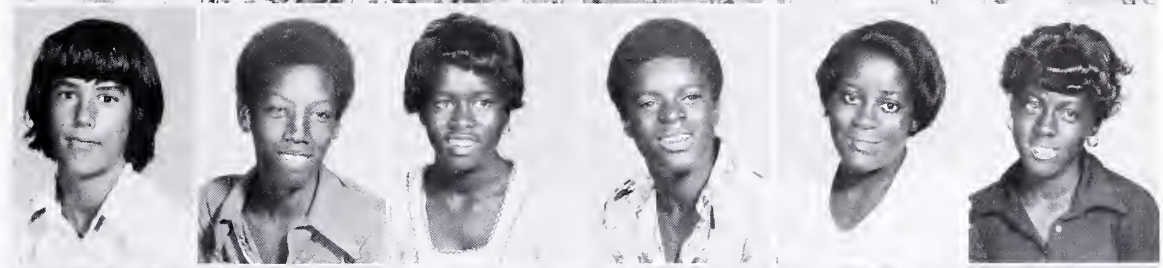

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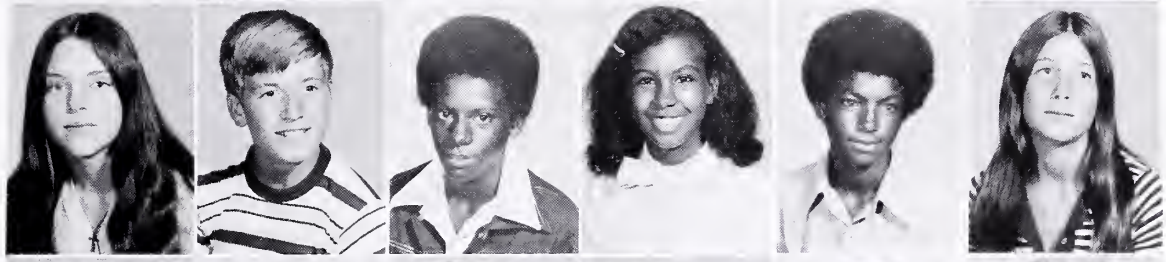

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Frankie Schefflien
John Schools
Michael Schools
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Ralph Skelton
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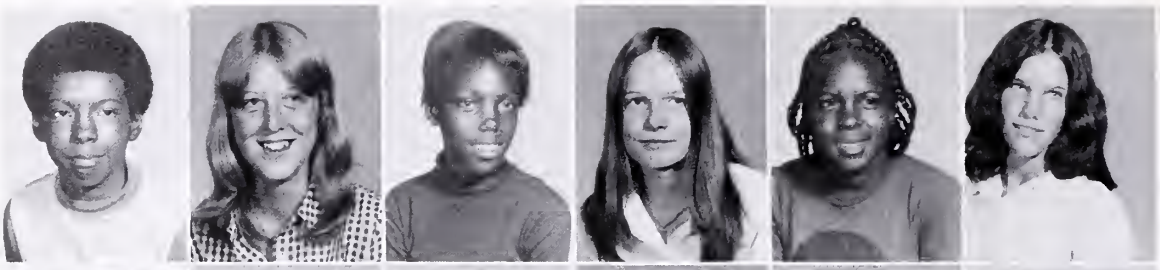

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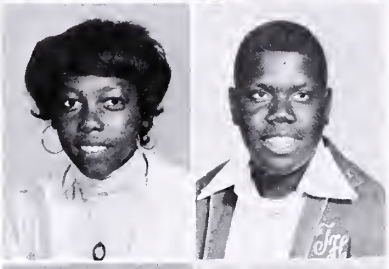

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Juliet Young

Practice Makes Perfect!

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Physical Education and Spanish

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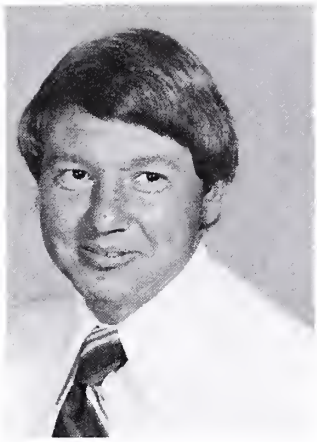

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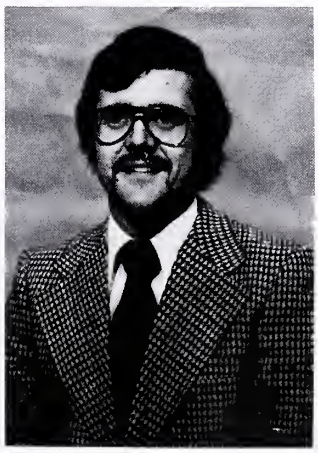

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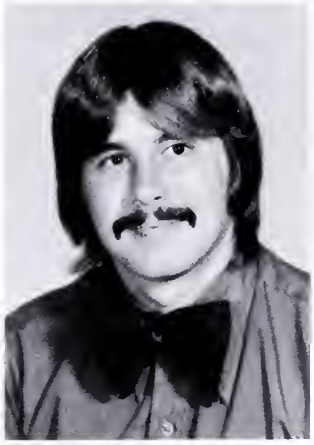

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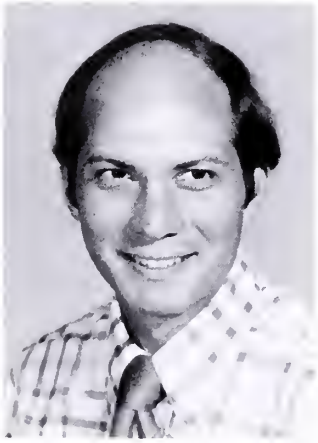

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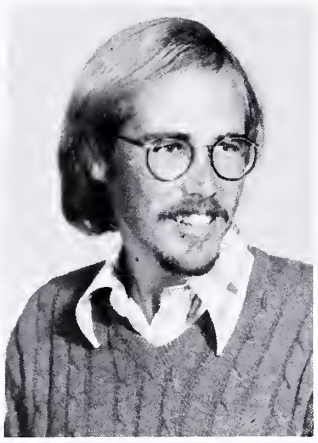

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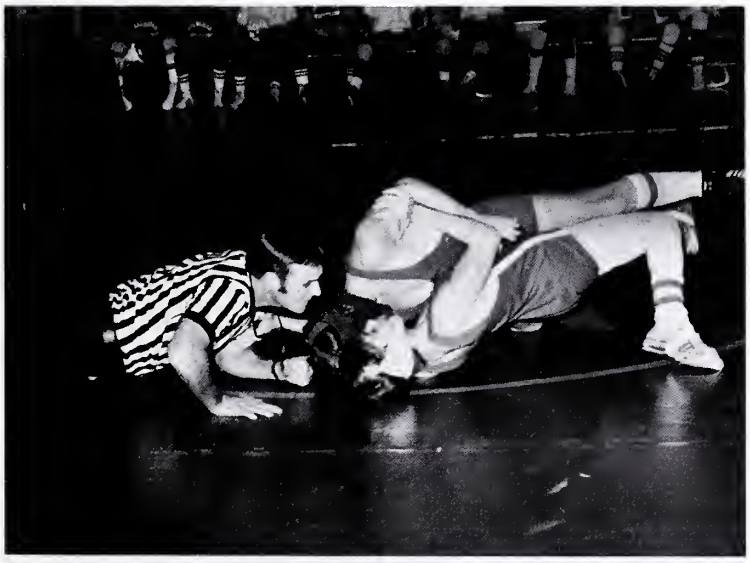
CAFETERIA STAFF and CUSTODIANS

L. to R. – F. Danridge, S. Fauntleroy, G. Sydnor, H. Davis, V. Davis, B. Martin, S. Simmons, A. Holmes.

L. to R. – R. Conley, A. Braxton

SPORTS



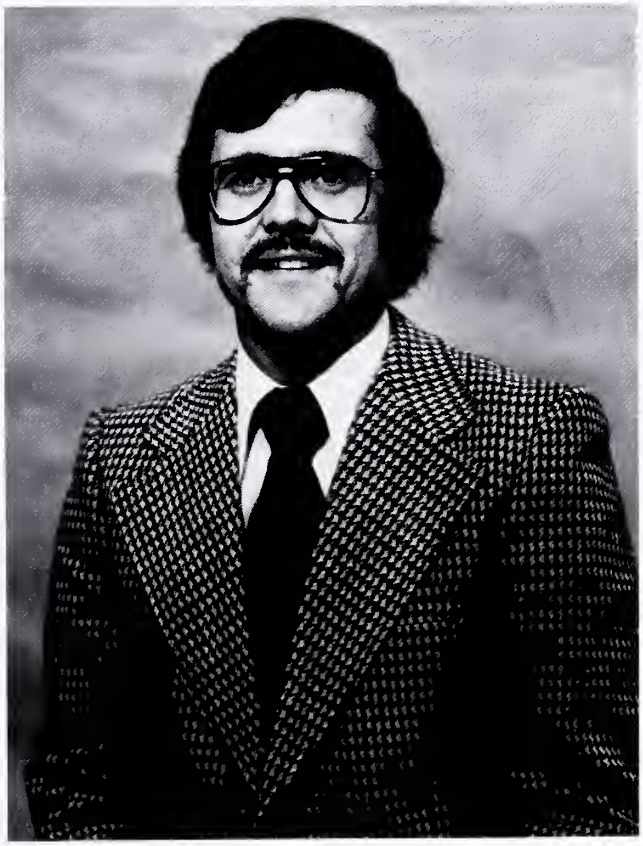
FOOTBALL SEASON A BIG SUCCESS

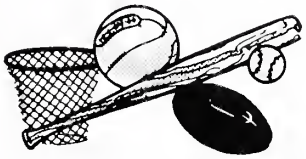
L. to R. C. Bowler, R. Watkins, V. Holmes, D. Bryant, S. Williams, B. Byrd, B. Johnson, not pictured – D. Gaines, W. Holmes, L. Jackson

This year the Varsity Football Cheerleaders withstood the rain and cold to cheer on the Trojans to their many victories. They boosted school spirit with the help of the football team's winning season. They should be given a large amount of credit for the activities they carried out during Homecoming week. These activities included the spirit chain, Purple and Gold Day, 50's Day, and the organization of the Bon Fire, that would not have been possible without the help of the FFA. They sold stocking hats and had a bake sale. This money will to for rain coats for next year's cheerleaders. The spirit at Essex High was boosted tremendously because of the cheerleaders untiring efforts and the efforts of the football team itself.

Co-Captains – Violet Holmes and Sharon Williams

COACH OF THE YEAR





This year the Odyssey Staff would like to dedicate "Coach of the Year" to coach Steve Lewis. This is in recognition of his tremendous encouragement to the football team. In his first year with us, Coach Lewis' efforts helped to increase school spirit to an all-time high. Mr. Lewis was born in North Carolina. When he was five years old, he moved to Cape Charles, Va. Upon graduation, from high school, he received a scholarship to the University of Richmond where he received his B.S. and Masters in Physical Education. He was a graduation assistant at the U. of R. before he came to Essex.

We hope Mr. Lewis will enjoy his position at Essex for many years to come!

TROJANS HAVE WINNING SEASON

Kneeling L to R; R. Sanford, K. Lankford, L. Greenwood, D. Williams, J. Eaton – Capt., S. Johnson, N. Brizendine, J. Harmon – Capt, K. Cooke – Capt., L. Booher – Capt., A. Brooks, D. Saddler, Standing; Coach Ashton, L. Bundy, R. Franklin, D. Sayles, B. Brooks, C. Cary, M. Gladding, T. Raduenz, R. Johnson, D. Bareford, C. Forbes, J. Slaughter, and Coach Lewis.

Turning things around – a new head coach – a winning season – third place finish. Football at Essex put on a new face for the better in 1975. Faced with a 19 game losing streak dating back to 1972. New head coach Steve Lewis and his assistants, Mr. Jones and Mr. Whitaker set out to change things in a big way. Starting with a stingy defense that yielded only 84 points in 10 games. The Trojans compiled a record of 4 wins – 3 losses – 3 ties. This was good enough for the first winning season since 1968, and an outright third place finish in the nine team Northern Neck District. This also worked the first time since 1971 that the Trojans had finished above ninth place.

Major accomplishments during the year included victories over West Point, Lancaster, Brentsville, and W & L. A tie with arch-rival King George was deemed a moral victory of sorts. Two of the three losses came at the hands of state ranked teams New Kent and Bowling Green (eventually a 10-7 loser to state champ Clintwood in the finals). The Trojans' wishbone offense garnered only 79 points on the campaign. Week after week it was faced with a new defensive alignment designed to step its thrust at opposing goal lines. With a wealth of offensive talent returning. 1976 should prove to be a better year offensively.

Five players were honored with All-District honors for the year. First Team selectors were; Cornell Cary, strong safety; Jimmy Harmon, center; and Lorenzo Bundy, split end. Second Team selections included Lindsey Booher, tight end and line backer; and Kevin Lankford, punter. Honorable Mention Honors were awarded to Keith Cooke as linebacker.

Although a winning season was the major accomplishment of the year, perhaps a change in attitude among players and students alike was just as important. Community support increased, pep rallies were held before every home game, and interest in the game itself carried over well into the school year. As coach Lewis stated: "A player must set a goal, have confidence in the reality of that goal, and most important, BELIEVE in that goal. If he doesn't have those three things, there is no hope for him or his team." Belief in bigger and better things pervades the halls of Essex for football. The Big Mean Purple Machine looms as an ominous figure on the horizon of Northern Neck Football. The top is not far away.

First Touchdown of the Season

How about an extra point!!!!

Essex	SCORES	Opp.
25	West Point	6
12	Lancaster	0
6	King George	6
0	Northumberland	0
0	New Kent	7
8	Rappahannock	8
6	Brentsville	0
6	Ladysmith	21
8	W & L	6
8	Bowling Green	30

You've gotta play tough!!

Cornell breaks through . . .

TROJANS THIRD IN DISTRICT

Coaches – L. to R. – Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Jones

How about a long one, Kevin?

"Getta Cooke"

Would you DARE question this bunch!?!

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS

l. to R. – C. Stewart, P. Johnson, R. Fauntleroy, B. Young, S. Bryant, not pictured – L. Peay

Left: Co-Captains – Carolyn Stewart and Pam Johnson

Winning Brings Smiles

Kneeling – L. to R. – B. Byrd, D. Baughan, M. Tunstall, T. Carson, T. Wilder, F. Moore, W. Pierce, D. Rennolds. Standing – R. Blagmon, T. Nelson, R. Perry, M. Chenault, J. Sydnor, J. Rice, T. Taylor, E. Raduenz, D. Allen, E. Tunstall, E. Brooks, T. Carson, H. Wainwright, D. Tignor, B. Hall, Coach Jones. not pictured – S. Fauntleroy

The Essex High J.V. Trojans finished their season by winning their last two games. These wins evened their record to two wins, two losses, and one tie. Offensively, the J.V.'s were somewhat disappointing, displaying an inconsistant offensive attack that produced only 40 points in five games. Three players led scoring with 12 points each; David Allen, Ricky Perry and Dave Baughan, who led in pass receptions.

The J.V. defense was outstanding all season with only one serious letdown at King George. The defense shutout three opponants and produced two safeties for the year with one of the safeties being the margin of difference over an undefeated Lancaster team.

The "little Trojans" displayed a determined, scrappy style of play throughout the season despite being outweighted by every team they played. The J.V.'s provided some fine individual talent during the season and should provide more winning teams for Essex supporters in coming seasons.

Getting things together

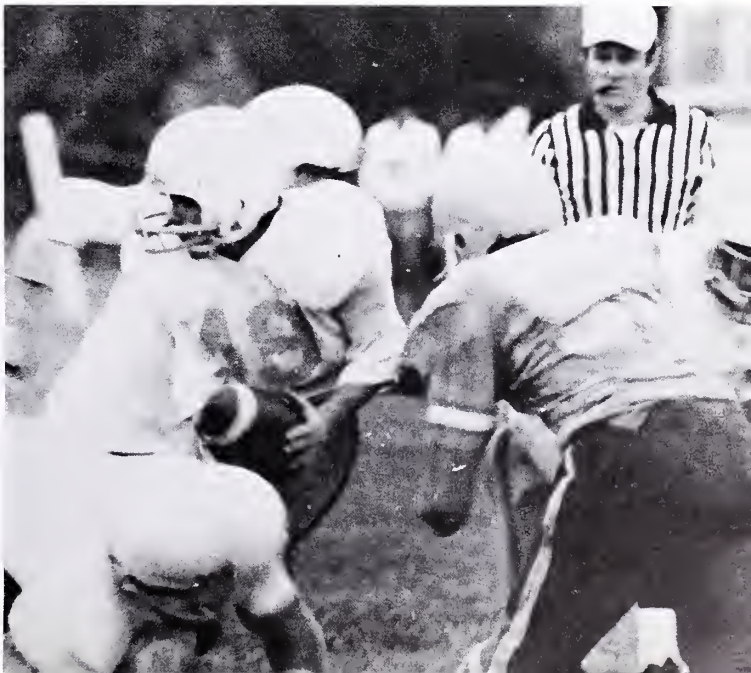
"The suspense is killing me."

JV SCHEDULE

Essex		Opp
0	Ladysmith	0
8	W & L	12
6	King George	42
24	Colonial Beach	0
2	Lancaster	0

Tell 'em!!!

"Little Trojans" IN Action



WRESTLING

B. Norton, J. Swinson, T. Carson, T. Carson, D. Sydnor, J. Slaughter, B. Byrd, L. Gayle, J. Bradley, Standing; D. Bryant, S. Cooke, J. Harmon, T. Washington, K. Cooke, N. Brizendine, R. Burrell, E. Tunstall, J. Sydnor, M. Stuart, E. Johnson.

This was the first full season for Wrestling at Essex High School. Essex had an exceptional good season with a 3-9 record. In the regional tournament, Captain Steve Cooke placed second and will go on to the State in May. Other outstanding wrestlers were: James Slaughter, Edward Tunstall, Nick Brizendine and Melvin Stuart. Coach Mitchell was pleased with his team performance this year since this was his first full year and he anticipated a more successful year next season.

Captains: Slaughter, Cooke, & Bradley

EHS		OPP
27	Virginia School at Hampton	23
5	Charles City High School	66
6	Charles City High School	65
20	Glouster High School	44
22	Christchurch School	47
12	Frederick Military	50
30	Walsingham Academy	24
14	Christchurch School	51
30	Gloucester High School	27
0	Brentsville High School	69
26	Surry County High School	41
25	Surry County High School	46

Sydnor smiles for the camera.

Washington almost got a pin.

Coach Rixey gives Dwayne final tips.

Coach Mitchell checks score.

Sydnor takes on the "Super Destroyer?"

I got you now "Turkey."

Varsity Basketball

David Headley

Coached by: left – Mr. Wachsmuth, right – Mr. Whitaker, manager – Glen Banks, Not pictured: Linsay Booher and Franklin Johnson

Donnie Muse

The 1975-'76 Trojans finished the regular season number five in the Northern Neck District. They had a District record of 9 wins and 7 loses and an overall record of 11 wins and 7 loses. Jerome Whitaker was the season's high scorer, averaging 18 points a game. He was followed by Lorenzo "Peanut" Bundy who averaged 14 points a game. Their scoring would not have been possible without the leadership of co-captains Cornell Cary and Leon Darby and the support of William "Bo" Ransome, who made up the remainder of the starting five.

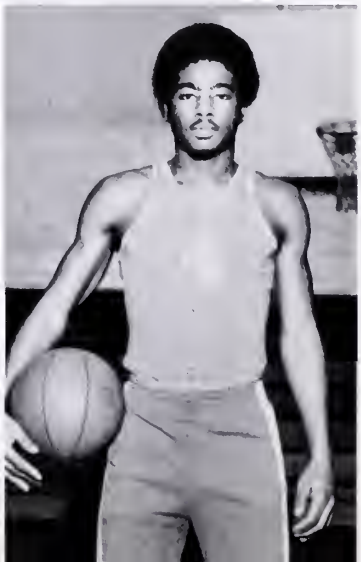
The dedication and spirit shown by Stevie Johnson and William Ransome will be greatly missed as they finish their last year on the squad.

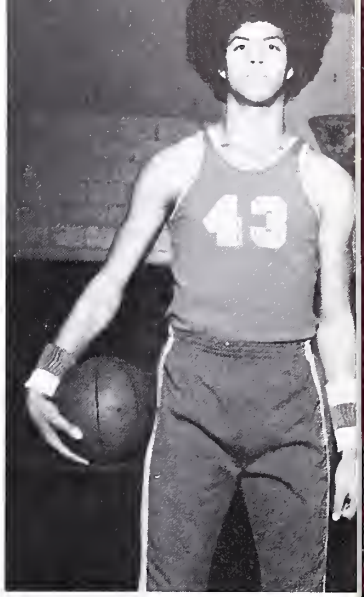
We anticipate a good season next year as we add to our talent with players from the J.V. squad.

Leon Darby

Jerome Whitaker

Stevie Johnson

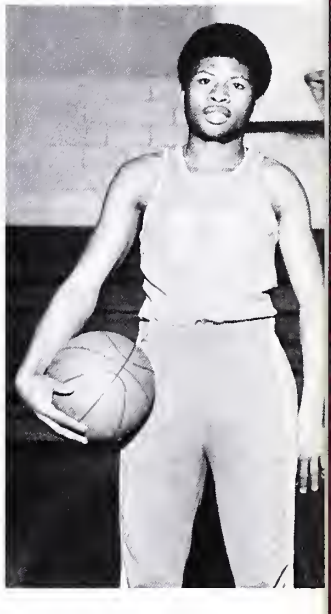




Lorenzo Bundy

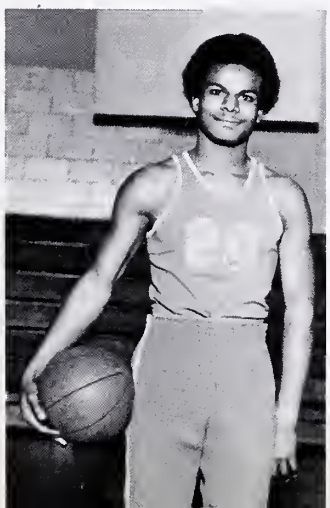
Scores

EHS		OPP
65	Rappahannock	83
75	Northumberland	69
72	W & L	67
61	Lancaster	67
70	Ladysmith	59
56	King George	69
96	West Point	44
90	West Point	59
59	Bowling Green	72
90	Brentsville	48
87	Rappahannock	51
54	Lancaster	62
51	Ladysmith	45
60	King George	62
60	Brentsville	39
66	Bowling Green	71
73	W & L	69
64	Northumberland	59

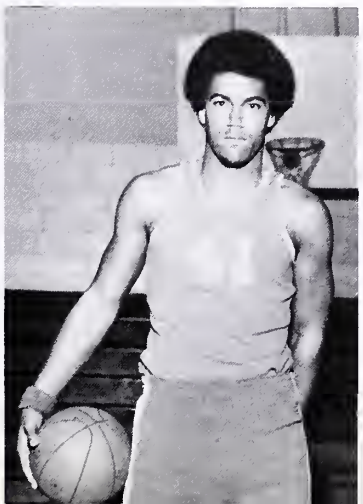


William Ransome

James Bailey



Dick Sayles



Cornell Cary

TROJANS IN ACTION

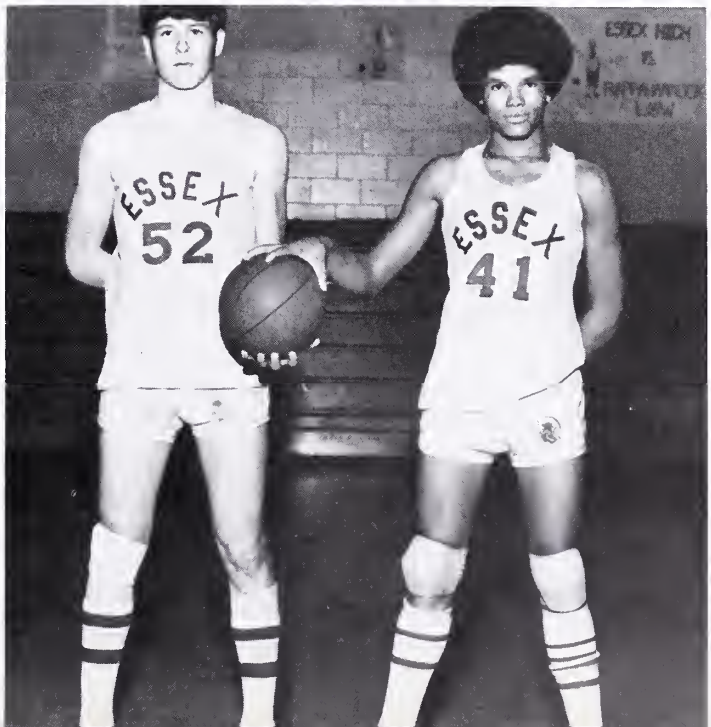
l. to r. — B. Sumner, F. Taylor, D. Fauntleroy, L. Ransome, R. Muse, A. Pollard, G. Sumner. Standing — T. Pratt, J. Beverley, D. Saddler, I. Harris, D. Clarke, C. Bundy, J. Lane, T. Cary, P. Taylor, Coach Ashton.

J.V. BASKETBALL

The Trojan J.V. Basketball team played an eighteen game schedule in 1975-'76, winning eleven and losing seven. In Northern Neck District their record was 9-7. For the season they scored 774 points for a 43 per game average while holding their opponents to 620, an average of 34 per game.

Dale Clarke led the team in scoring with 139 points and Cleo Bundy in rebounds with 134. Clarke and Bundy also captained the squad.

This is the first time Coach Ashton has handled the J.V. Basketball team.



VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

D. Watkins
P. Young B. Johnson
G. McGuire, M. Lee, S. Clarke, J. Pratt, W. Holmes

Co-Captains – Phyllis Young & Sharon Clarke (not pictured Violet Holmes)

J.V. BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS

L to R G. Richardson, D. Allen, P. Johnson, J. Wormley, C. Young, K. Upton, R. Fautleroy, B. Young, D. Headley

Co-Captains – Gladys Richardson & Pam Johnson

Eight Grade Basketball

First row – W. Jackson, F. Blabmon, W. Lane, G. Banks, J. Henry, T. Wilder, D. Fauntleroy, Standing – Coach Mr. Dockery, J. Roane, E. Smith, M. Bundy, J. Johnson, M. Redman, D. Allen, D. Samuels, A. Rollins.

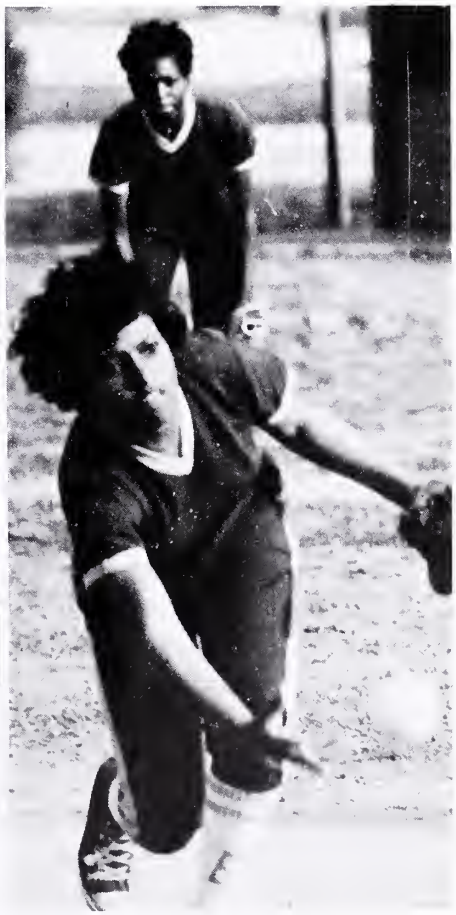
The Eighth Grade Basketball Team was number one in the district with 7 wins and only 1 lose. Coach Dockery was pleased with his team's performance this year.

Eighth grade "Super-stars"

Co-captains: David Allen, Glenn Banks, Mark Redman

Softball

Seniors recieve softball awards



The '75 Softball team was Number One in the district for the fifth year in a row. Unfortunately they lost in the tournaments.

1st row L to R; R. Peel, L. Clark, T. Beamer, B. Passagaluppi, W. Scott, 2nd row; K. Lankford, J. Harmon, N. Brizendine, L. Booher, D. Davis, 3rd row; B. Blagmon, F. Beverly, S. Johnson, J. Parr, Coach Ashton, 4th row; D. Headley, R. Bundy, R. Franklin, C. Forbes.

Co-Captains; T. Beamer and B. Passagaluppi

VARSITY BASEBALL

FIVE STRAIGHT DISTRICT TITLES

A completely revamped Trojan Varsity Baseball squad overcome the odds and some low spots during the season to finish first in their Division and then won the Northern Neck District Tournament to claim the District Title. The first place finish continued the Trojan's streak of having won the District Championship or the regular season title to five straight years.

Essex posted a 12-5 record overall for the season but the trail to first place was much tougher than the final record appears. After winning their first three games, the Trojans lost three of their next four to drop to 3-3 in the District. The bottom seemed to drop out when on April 1st. King George blasted Essex 21-6. However, after the 9-7 loss to Northumberland which dropped them 3-3, the Trojans lost one game in their next eight and put together a five game win streak that carried through the District Tournament. Once in, the Trojans put on a miraculous last two innings comeback to defeat Bowling Green 5-4 after trailing 4-0 and then outlasted Washington and Lee 8-7 for the championship. The next week saw the end of the streak as Essex was knocked out of the Regional by Atlantic High 3-1.

Kevin Lankford led the team in hitting with a .320 average and also in RBI's. Lorenzo Bundy followed at .315 and Lloyd Clark .314. Bundy led in hits with 17. Tim Beamer and Ras Peel in the infield and Clark and Passagaluppi in the outfield provided the team with excellent defense during their senior year. Jimmy Harmon, moved from outfield to catching became the top defensive catcher in the District. Other squad members who started at times were George Johnson, Floyd Beverly, Lindsey Booher, Nick Brizendine, and Douglas Davis.

David Headley and Jody Parr divided most of the pitching with help from Lankford. Parr was 5-1 for the season including the winner in the final championship game with help from Headley. Headley, who pitched in tough luck at times, finished with a 5-3 record, one loss being 1-0 to Rappahannock. He pitched a one-hitter in the Regional game only to lose 3-1. In 58 innings of pitching he recorded 82 strikeouts.

This squad worked well with Coach Ashton and deserved their fine season. The four mentioned seniors along with William Scott graduated; the rest should help to make a good season in '76.

Special awards went to Lankford for top batting average, to Jimmy Harmon for "Best Team Effort" and to William Scott for "Best Team Spirit". All Squad members received trophies for their contributions to the championship.

Essex		Opp.
11	Middlesex	5
5	Colonial Beach	4
11	Brentsville	6
6	King George	21
10	Washington & Lee	8
0	Rappahannock	1
7	Northumberland	9
3	Lancaster	1
8	Washington & Lee	1
5	Lancaster	2
6	Northumberland	7
15	Ladysmith	4
4	Rappahannock	3
9	Bowling Green	5
5	Bowling Green (Tournament)	4
8	Washington & Lee (Tournament final)	7
1	Atlantic (Regional)	3

Seniors; L. Clarke, T. Beamer, W. Scott, R. Peel, B. Passagaluppi

J.V. HAVE TIRING SEASON!

Kneeling — J. Holmes, L. Darby, G. Blagmon, B. Moore, B. Moore, M. Chenault, R. Perry, E. Radeunz. Standing — E. Tunstol, J. Beverly, J. Whitaker, R. Hickman, L. Ransome, T. Taylor, C. Hutchinson, T. Peay, D. Bareford, M. Fruend, B. Somner, T. Raduenz, D. Clarke, G. Somner, R. Stokes, R. Johnson.

The J.V. baseball team coached by Mr. Mitchell had a 5 and 5 record. The schedule was as follows:

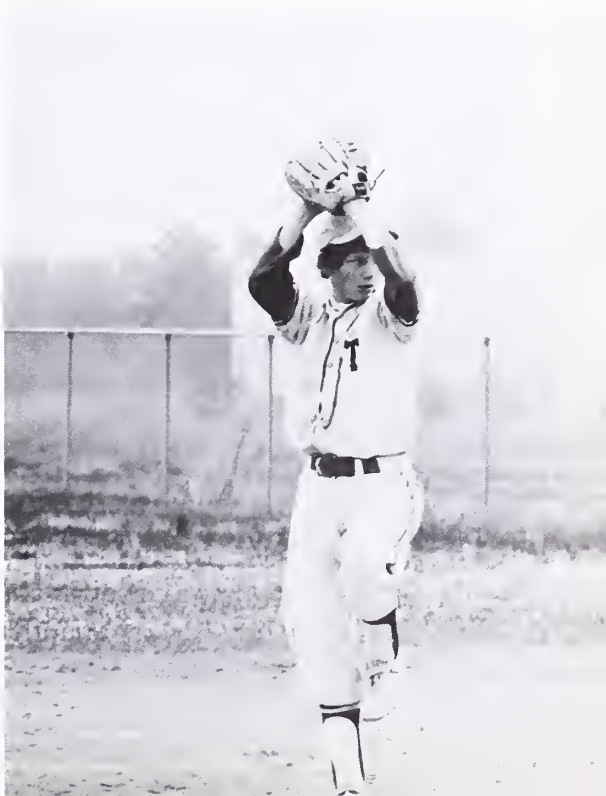
Essex		Opp
0	Bowling Green	1
3	Northumberland	6
10	Rappahannock	2
6	W & L	4
8	King George	3
3	Bowling Green	5
8	Rappahannock	0
8	Northumberland	14
5	W & L	4
2	King George	3

"Watch him, Jerry!"

Time out.

Missed again!

Strike 'em out!



Kneeling; J. Butler, B. Sumner, B. Almorode, Standing; R. Volante, P. Hilton, R. Perry, G. Sumner, D. Allen, H. Edwards, R. Carlton, Coach Wells.

Hit it, John!

TENNIS A FIRST!

This year is Essex High's first year for tennis. The team consists of a regular squad and a reserve squad. The regular squad of six players will be competing in school matches. The reserve squad will be having lessons by the coach to improve their abilities in the sport. Practice will begin in April (perhaps late March). Some of the schools we will be competing against will be Christ Church, Brentsville, and Walsingham Academy. The players on the regular squad are John Butler, Barry Somner, Gary Sumner, Ricky Volante, Rick Perry, and David Allen. The reserve squad consists of Paul Hilton, Heath Edwards, Rusty Carlton, Bruce Almarode, and Robert Harper. The coach is Mr. Wells.

GIRLS TRACK TEAM 1975

The 1975 girls track team went into the season with only two members having had more than one year of competition. Considering the lack of experience, and the number of ninth graders coming into track for the first time, the season was very successful. The girls put in long hours each day of work on their events with the end result of being runner up at the District Meet and having three relay team placing in the Regional Meet and three other places in individual events.

The members are: Elizabeth Culver, Jo Ann Doane, Donna Sylva, Paige Mundie, Denyce Young, Susan Dishman, Violet Holmes, Robin Watkins, Sharon Williams, Marie Noel, Debbie Bryant, Floretta Ashlock, Teresa Haynes, Cheryl Noel, Wanda Stalnaker and Alice Vaughan.

L.-R. Paul Hilton, Heath Edwards, Aubrey Stokes, Carter Robertson, Nick Brizendine, Ricky Volante, Mr. Robertson.

Aubrey Stokes takes a shot!

GOLF TEAM 1976

The Essex High School Golf Team is looking forward to a very interesting golf season in 1976 with a much expanded schedule. The team is looking forward with anticipation to matches with four new opponents. The new schools scheduled are for the most part AAA schools. They are Osbourn Park Senior High School in Manasses, Quantico High School at Quantico, Va., York High School at Yorktown, Lafayette High School in Williamsburg. Matches with our regular opponents Christ Church and Gloucester High School have also been scheduled. The team for 1976 will probably be made up of four veterans from last year's team. They are: Carter Robertson, Ricky Volante, Aubrey Stokes and Paul Hilton. The two newcomers are Heath Edwards and Nick Brizendine. Carter Robertson is seeking to retain his number one position on the team that he held last year. Carter went to the State Class A tournament and finished thirteenth in the state.

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1975

The Essex Trojan Girl's Basketball team of 1975 consisted of the co-captains, Doretta Hickman and Susan Dishman, Phyllis Young, Alice Vaughan and Floretta Ashlock making up the starting five, with Della Watkins, Bertina Harris, Emma Gray, Robin Beale, Violet Holmes, Cynthia Fields and Lavern Ross, rounding out the squad.

With only one starter from the 1974 season, the team had many new and inexperienced players but this lack of game know how was aided by a tremendous amount of talent added to a desire to achieve success, which showed up in their season record of seven wins and four losses.

Alice Vaughan was the high scorer for the team with a total of 189 points and was also the District High Scorer.

With the loss of only two seniors the 1976 season should be one where the team will go all the way.

Co-captains: Susan Dishman and Doretta Hickman

L to R; S. Dishman, Doretta Hickman, 2nd row; F. Ashlock, D. Watkins, E. Gray, 3rd row; A. Vaughan, B. Harris, R. Beale, V Holmes, P. Young.

Coach Hudson Checks things out.

Ira Harris hurdles!

Brad Norton completes the mile!

TRACK 1975

George Kendall – Team Star

Jump Cornell!

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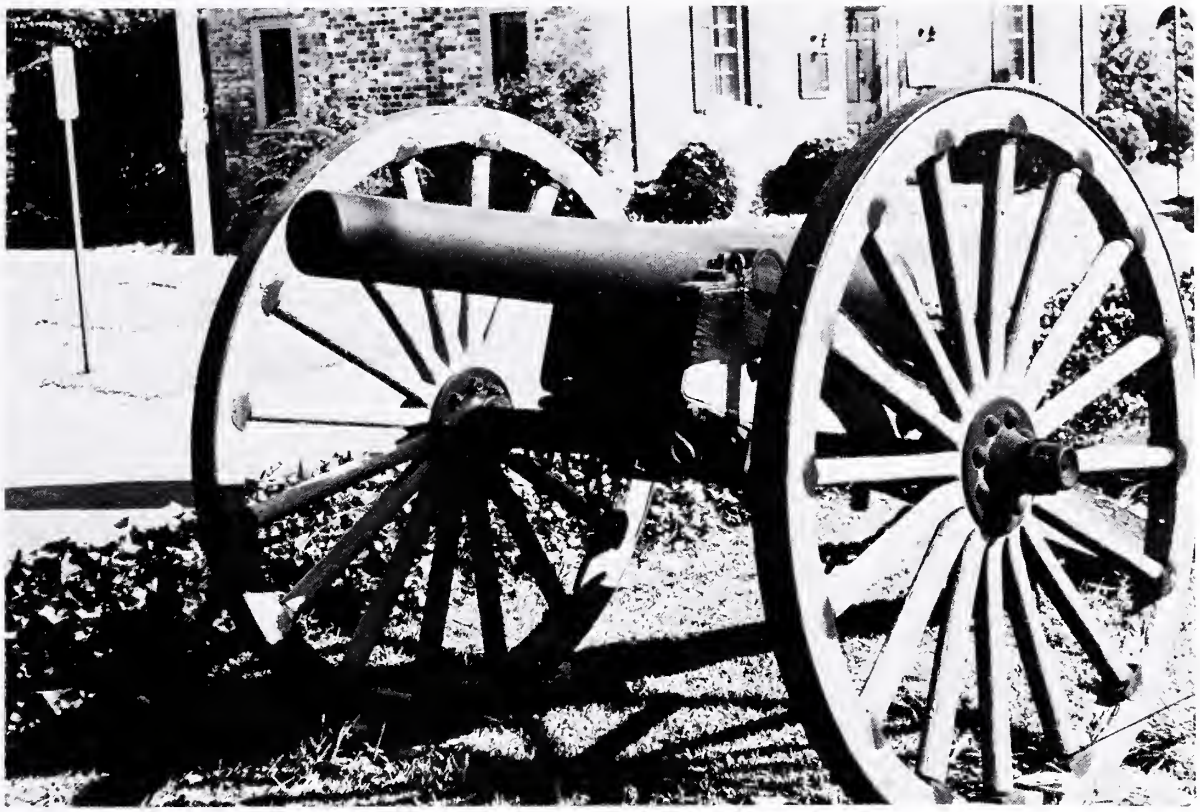

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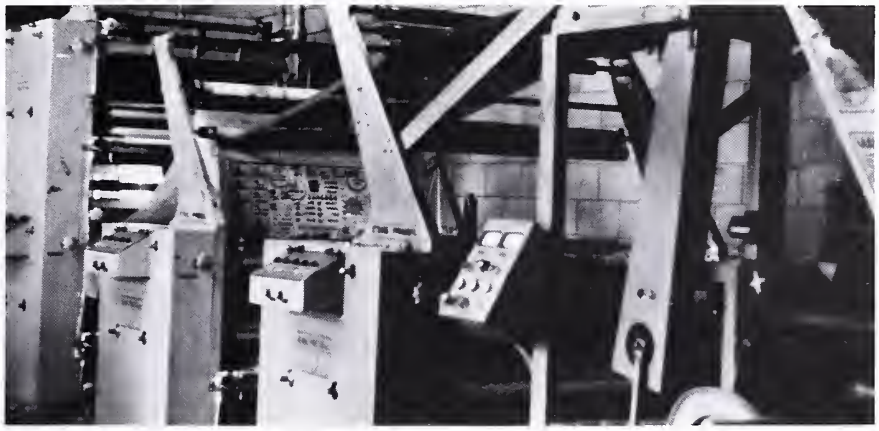

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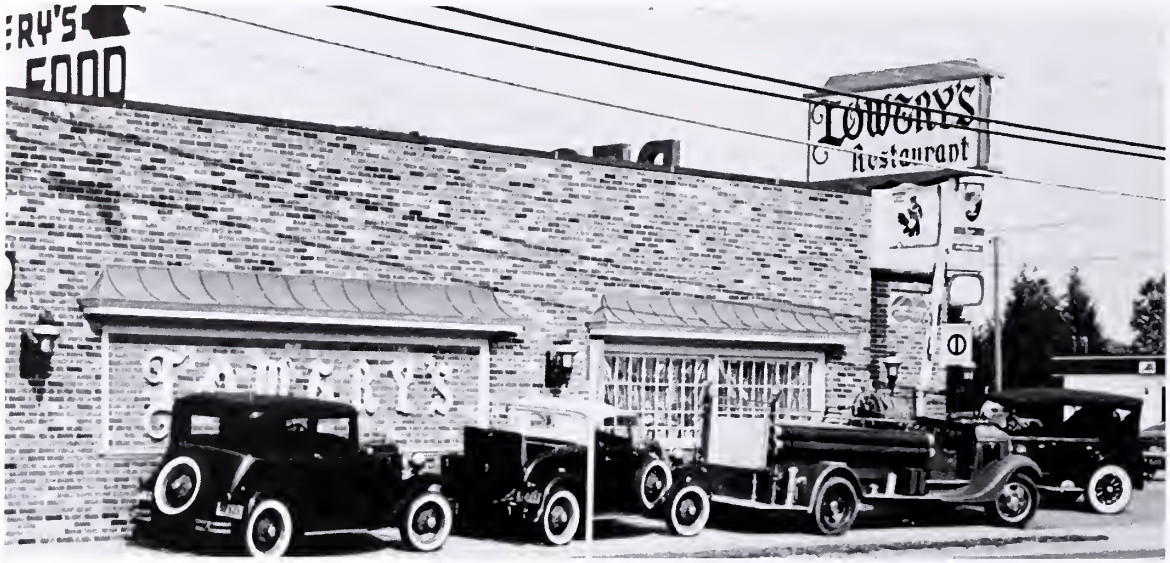

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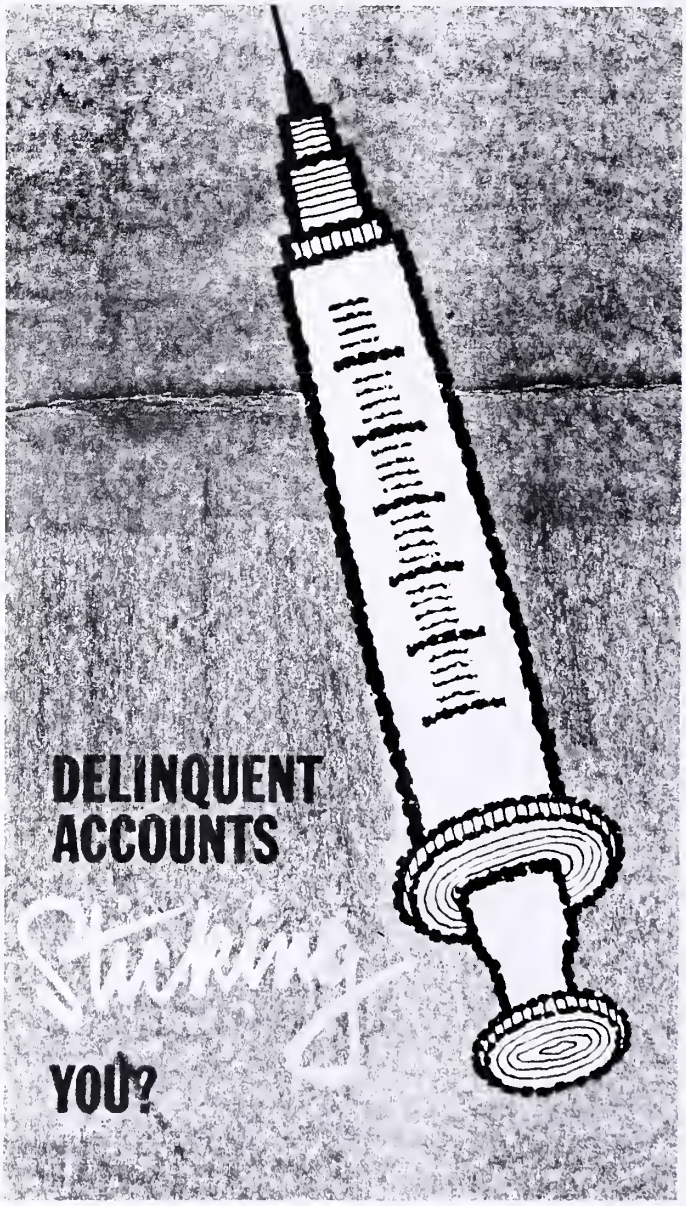

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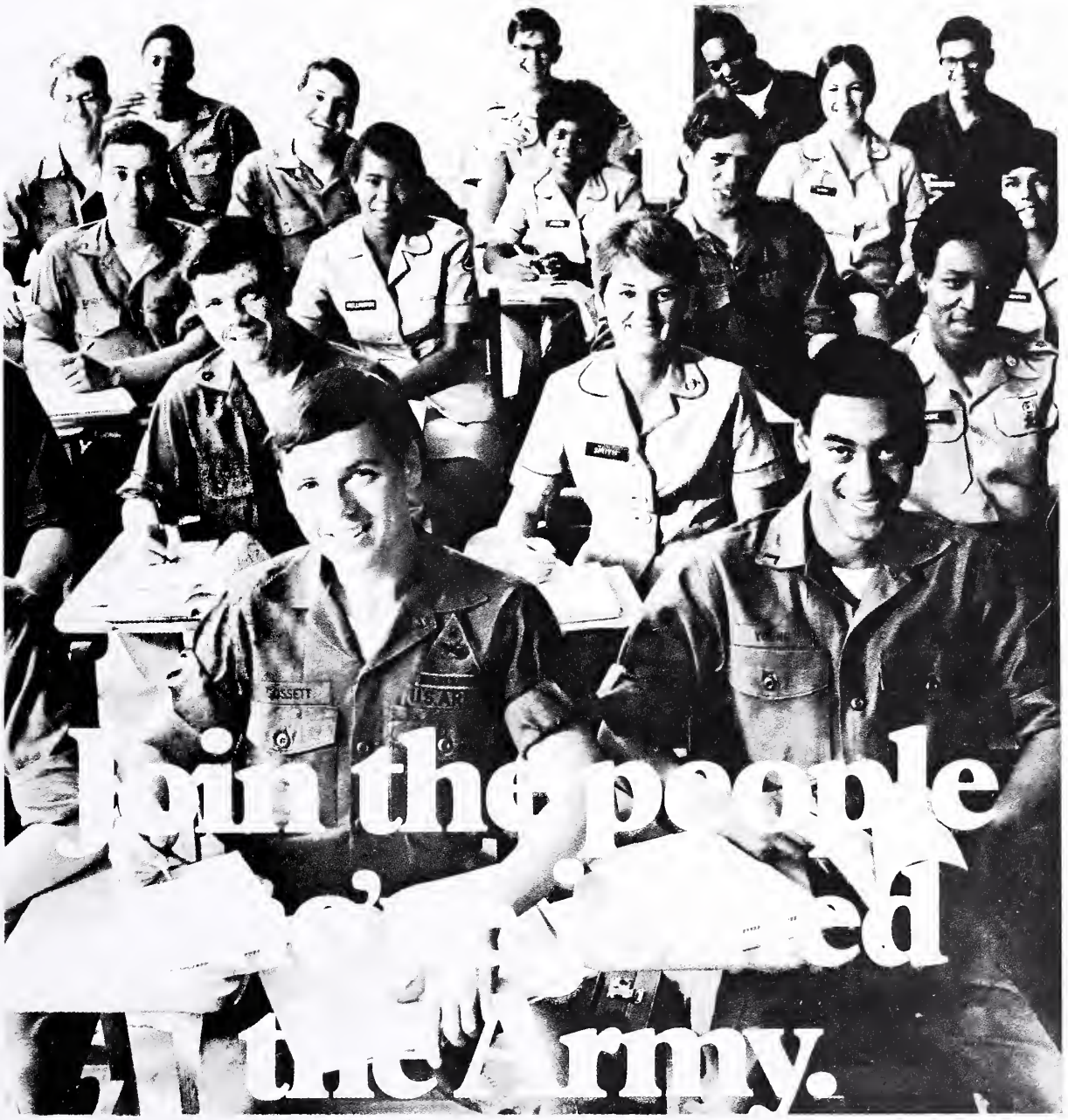

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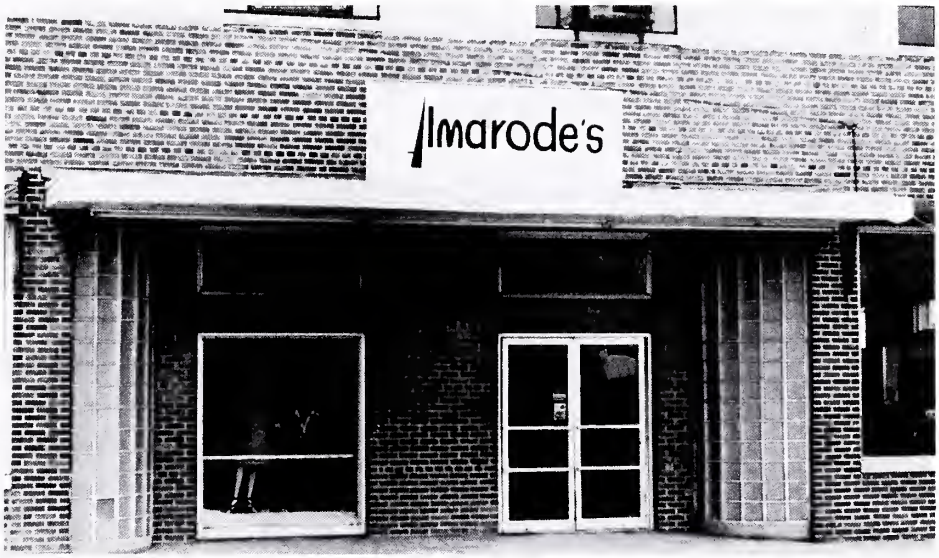

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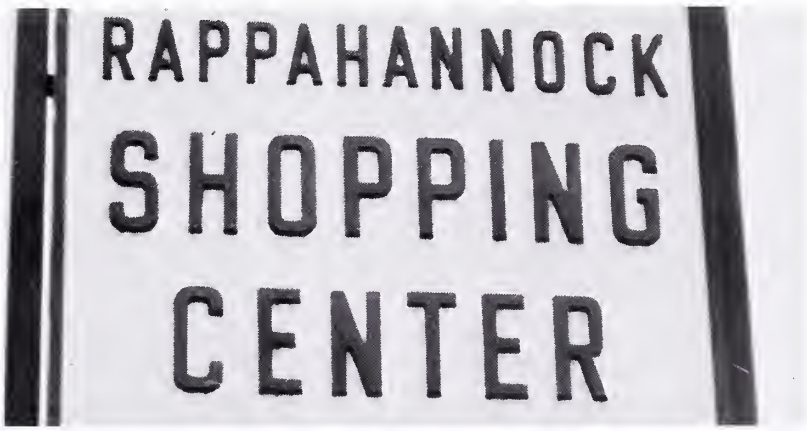

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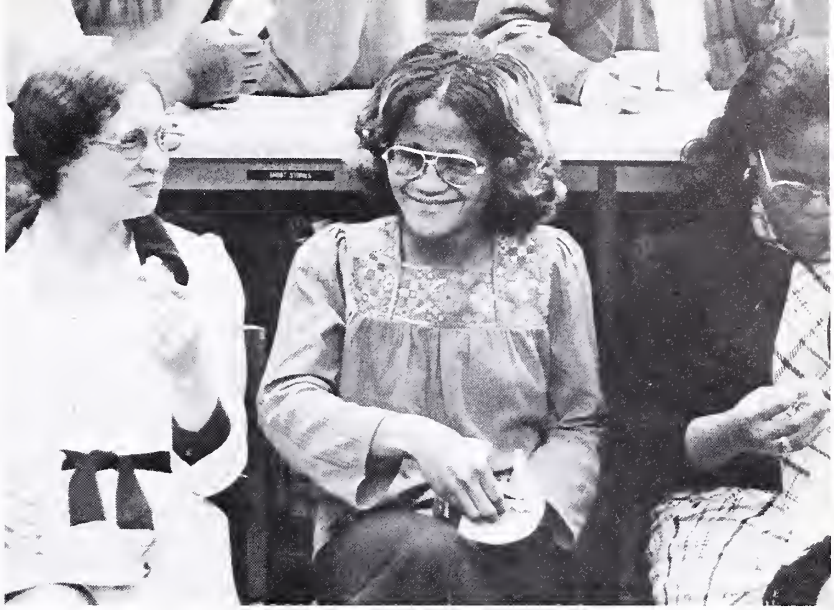

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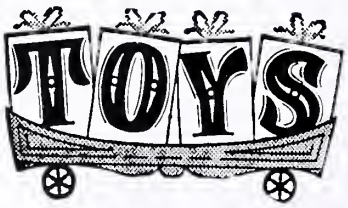

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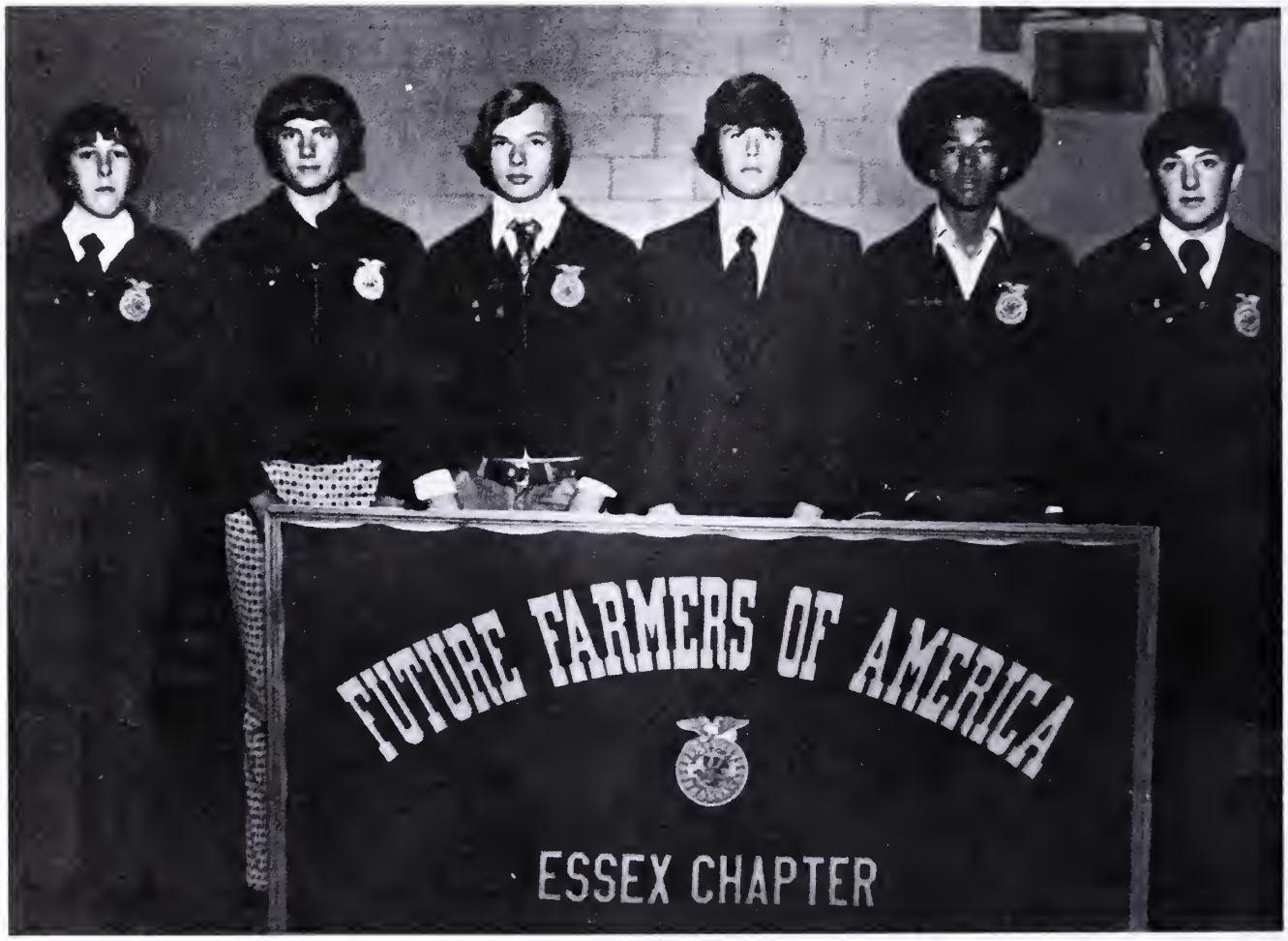

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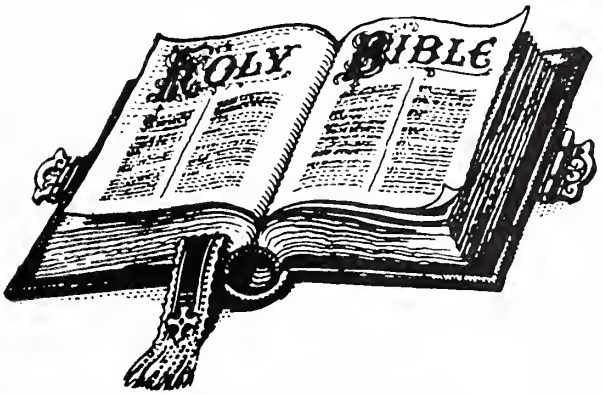

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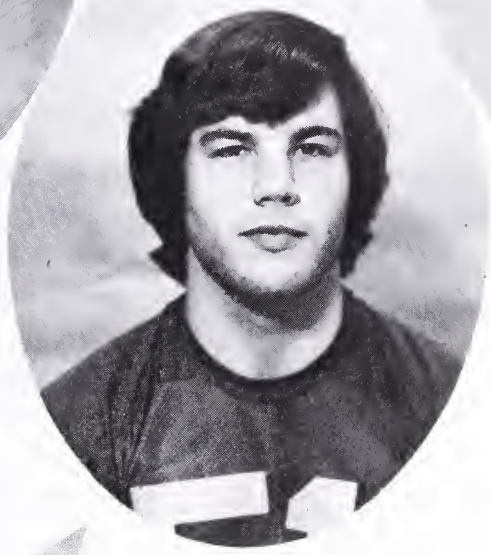

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